

What Dr. Casolaro has been advised:

Knows about the suicide note and its contents.
Knows about the victim being nude in the bathtub.
Knows about the broken drinking glass that was found in the room.
Knows about the prescription bottle, which was found in the room, and what was typed on the label.
Knows about the wine, what type it was, where it was bought, and everything we know about the wine.
Knows that there were none of the victim's papers or a briefcase in the room or the vehicle.
Knows about the blood smears on the bathtub walls.
Knows about the victim being at the Sheraton Lounge and who he talked with, and the approx. time schedule.
Knows about the victim being at the Stone Crab Inn and an approx. time schedule.
Knows about the victim being at the Sheetz Store on Friday 8-9-91.
Dr. Casolaro read Pt. I. of Armel's statement of 08/10/91 in its entirety.
Knows about what transpired at Brown Funeral Home in reference to the embalming.
Knows about the victim being at the Pizza Hut.
The scene at Room. #517 was discussed, in detail.
Knows about the razor blades that were in the room.
Knows about the cigarette butts with lipstick that was found in the victim's vehicle.
Knows the particulars on the room keys.
Knows about the blood splatter expert that Dr. Frost is working with.
Knows about Michael Looney and the conversations that Looney had with the victim.
Knows about the notepad and the composition book that was found in the room.

What Dr. Casolaro and family members haven't been advised:

What was taken from the victim's residence, during the examination of same.
The exact time schedules of the victim while in Martinsburg.

They have not been advised or have they seen the following evidence:

\$45.15 in money that was in the victim's pants.

Credit card receipts, bar tabs and other paperwork recovered during the investigation.

Actual notepad containing the suicide has not been viewed by Dr. Casolaro

Razor blade box containing 4 razor blades

The information and amount of beer cans found in the room

(2) shoestrings found in the bathtub.

Contents of the ashtrays in the room.

Additional cigarettes and match books found.

Papers that were seized from the victim's vehicle.

Victim's wallet and contents.

Clothing from the room.

Garbage bag from the room.

Contents of the victim's black tote bag.

Latent prints that were located in the room and victim's vehicle.

Seizure of the bedclothing

Other evidence that was recovered from the victim's vehicle.

Evidence taken to the lab and any preliminary results.

No one in the family have read any of the reports filed by the investigating officers
except for the statement of Ptlm. Armel dated 08-10-91

Dr. Casolaro: What I can tell you is that...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: It's not working right hold on.

Dr. Casolaro: Is you probably read in you know some of what's in the papers has been true and some hasn't.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Uh huh.

Dr. Casolaro: And I'm a little annoyed at sometimes you say a half of phrase, say two phrases and they put in one phrase and not the other.

Sgt. Gaither: Dealing with a newspaper that's what you're going to get.

Dr. Casolaro: Well you know that's not I've not had a lot of experience in fact none so, um, that's what I learned. Um, but what I can tell you is that we believe from what Danny had talked to people that he's in to West Virginia at least at least twice and maybe three times.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. In the last few months. He was last there we believe in June and I think it was about the weekend of the 17th because it was my nieces high school graduation and he said I have to go to West Virginia this weekend.

Sgt. Gaither: We'll just try to confirm as much as we can...

Dr. Casolaro: Sure.

Sgt. Gaither: And this and that and we can place him there . too but of course nobody...

Dr. Casolaro: Sure.

Sgt. Gaither: Can nail down a date, bar maid said yeah, I seen him it was back in the summer.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Some people knew him from a year ago.

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah. I seen him a year ago.

Dr. Casolaro: Well, that may be, that may be. He may have been there a few months ago also.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yeah.

Dr. Casolaro: Um, according to this guy Turner, what he tells me is that he met with Danny some time in the spring there and he drove over there because it was closer than coming, I guess, I don't know, Winchester. He says it's

closer to Martinsburg than it is.

Sgt. Gaither: Oh much closer.

Dr. Casolaro: So, he just, Danny would come there when he was going to be up there he might try drive over and meet with him but they have never given any papers before he said Friday. Danny kept...

Sgt. Gaither:

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah, that's what he said. So he was there in the spring then in June and I don't know if he has been there before. It's not clear to me exactly why he chose Martinsburg, but I have some thoughts which I'll tell you.

Sgt. Gaither: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: Uh, he's been working on a story that most of which is in the newspaper has been difficult to discern exactly, but I'll, what it really deals with is about a couple different issues, one of which is. It had to do, he started off with this Inslaw software. This is a theft, it's a reported theft by the justice department of software that's used to track criminals. It originally was designed for prosecuting attorneys to help keep track of people. Apparantley they recognized it had uses for tracking dissidence for certain for countries that might want to keep track of them and for a country like ours to track terrorists. I don't understand the software, I don't pretend to. I just know that that's what it was for. Now Inslaw maintains that and at least the first court agreed with them the second court that there software was taken by justice and given to another company. That company was involved a guy named um, let's see, Earl Brian. Well, Earl Brian is a guy who was a confident of Reagan's but not a high, I mean a confident, but more a kitchen cabinet guy.

Sgt. Gaither: Uh huh.

Dr. Casolaro: And apparantley a guy involved with a guy named Peter Viednik, Viednik. Did that name ever come up?

Sgt. Gaither: I've never heard it.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. It may be the guy Danny was trying to meet in West Virginia.

Sgt. Gaither: How do you spell Viednik (inaudible)?

Dr. Casolaro: I think it's V-I-E-D-N-I-C-K, but I'm not sure it shouldn't be hard because his wife is the chief of staff for Byrd, Senator Byrd.

Sgt. Gaither: Okay.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: So he can't be hard to track down.

Sgt. Gaither: Would you know what nationality that is?

Dr. Casolaro: I don't know. It is reportedly you know a quote customs agent but he keeps changing departments and is reported by a couple other people and I don't mean, I'm passing on some I'll tell you what I believe is gossip and what's real what I can believe.

Sgt. Gaither: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: He is reported to be by three or four people you know he was CIA assigned to the Inslaw to sort of oversee the Inslaw software at justice and it is reported that he who engineered the sort of the altering of the software because what they wanted to do was sell to foreign governments with some bugs in it so that they could then retrieve the information. I mean it sounds like a smart thing to do if I were the CIA, I'm not. But apparently they wanted to get it out of the hands of Inslaw because they wanted to be able to use it themselves. So Inslaw's law suit claims that they drove them into bankruptcy and all this. That's sort of a different issue.

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah. Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: Only related so far is some of the people recur. Uh, um there's a guy named George Pender and guy named Earl Brian. Pender was a confidant of Casey's the ex-CIA director and Earl Brian was a Reagan confidant. It is alleged, no proof, it is alleged that Earl Brian was sent to Iran in September of 1980 before the election. That they made arrangements with the Iranians not to release the hostages until after the election to prevent the quote October surprise. And it is alleged that the a pay off to Brian and a guy who accompanied him whose name I don't have, but it's document and papers is that the pay off was to give them control and rights to this software, thru a company that they then set up. You know, that trail, Hamilton's have to know the names, dates and places of that.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Bill Hamilton?

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: Now he the um, there is a paper trail. Danny had copies of cancelled checks from Kershog the arms

merchant to someone else for four million dollars. He has that cancelled check. He has a copy of it. I don't know how he got it. I know that he, I've seen it. I mean he's got it and it's even in his papers, a copy of it. Who it's for or what it's for, I mean you can get cancelled checks for anything but apparently if you put all the pieces together that's what falls into line. Now, the um, what Danny was looking at was trying to tie in, he said the same people kept coming back. There's this, you know, the quote October surprise and there's this Inslaw software. Inslaw was more of Danny's entry into this. And uh, only in so far that is a valuable piece of software for tracking people and so a lot of people wanted it. Um, it's apparently according to Hamilton, it's been used by 170 different organizations then and that's one of the reasons for their suit. Um, now, the tie in also you know, talking about BCCI and then the West Coast Indian Reservation. BCCI, Danny believed was a conduit for money, I mean and that's been I mean you don't have to be genius to, I knew that just from reading the paper. But he had helped the Time investigator over the last nine months. He had given them a few things and he tried to get some things out of him and uh, uh, the guy Jonathan Beatty who wrote the story, Danny said gee, that's really only the tip, that's only there money, I mean that's only how they launder the money, that doesn't get to the problem which is where does the money come from to begin with and how, it's just the means of laundering it. Um, Danny was looking for a tie between this West, let me explain the West Coast. So, BCCI is more of the banking arm of it. There's a couple other banks that Danny had looked into, one is the Nugan Hand Bank in Australia and the other is this bank on the Island of Domenico and you'll see in his Little summary, he talks about Domenico at the end. It's a bank I believe it's a bazaar name for a bank called like the Red Dragon. A bazaar name, it's a bank and it's a banana export company that supposedly they can't document much business activity but seems to put on the books, millions of dollars a year from their quote, banana exporting and according to what Danny believed you know, their business doesn't match their receipts. (inaudible). So, uh, now this thing about the West Coast, the most dangerous part, according to many people of what Danny was working on involved this Indian Reservation in California. It was the Cabazon Indians. The Cabazon Indians, a few years ago, apparently the government set up a arms manufacturing sight. We know that they hired this guy, Michael Reconashuto who is probably a criminal, had been a criminal by the way for eight years before that, had been convicted of of drugs and

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Nickname, Dangerman?

Dr. Casolaro: Right. That guy. Danny called him that. Now, he despite that history, had set him up as their director of research at this Indian Reservation because

he's apparently a criminal, but a bright one, with a good background in law and science and they set him up there as a researcher. Now, what's in the, I saw in the papers, it said all that's in Danny's files are copies, you know are copies of things of common papers, well it's true there's a of annual reports for the last ten years but by tracking thru the annual reports, you can see that originally they had sent some money, it's really not clear where, but if you know what you're looking for and cross check it with other documents, you can show the paper trail, I mean which exists for most of these people of this set up in California. Now, it started as a drug manu. and arms manufacturing and and sort of uh, uh, uh, it was a way to get arms to the Contras, supposedly and that, he's got a lot of documentation for that, but if they needed money and one way and since Reconashuto had been involved before there's another guy named Dr. John Nichols whose name you'll come across. He in fact has subsequently been convicted of money-murder for hire. He was the head of this Indian Reservation. He went to jail. He's Dr. John Nichols. There's two Nichols in this who were players in this. Dr. John Nichols.

Sgt. Gaither: Dr. of divinity.

Dr. Casolaro: Dr. of divinity from some you know (inaudible) but he was made, he was designated as the head of this Indian Reservation and he had subsequently, if you search, you do searches from back then, went to jail, I believe, it was either for embezzlement, was accused of murder-for hire, I don't know, I don't know what he was convicted of. I know he apparently recently got of jail.

Sgt. Gaither: Do you know what state?

Dr. Casolaro: California. Now, um, there is another Nichols, a guy named Robert Booth Nichols. Now, Robert Booth Nichols is at least alleged by the FBI to be a know money launderer connections to organized crime with apparent three suspicious deaths surrounding his and this is what from Danny's materials are in them.

Sgt. Gaither: Uh huh.

Dr. Casolaro: Now, Danny's met with him. He spent three days with him about six weeks ago. He flew. He called me, he flew in from God knows what country, he travels all over the world and met with Danny for three days. He, Danny's opinion of him is that he's a real gentleman, I mean this guy stays at the Four Seasons, which is a very, you know down near Georgetown. He, you know, he made a point because he called me. This guy called me. He made a point of telling me he stays, you know he met Danny in the First Class Lounge, he's a little, I mean he's a little pompous, but the guy, Danny found him as a connection because subsequently the

Cabison this Indio, Indian Reservation became a uh, focus of I remember _____ set it up as a um, an arms you know as a research center.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Uh huh.

Dr. Casolaro: On the board of _____ as Casey and some of these other guys who keep, whose names keep coming up, I mean these are not low level guys. I'm not...

Sgt. Gaither: Let me, I don't mean to be rude, but let me interrupt you so I can keep it straight. What what would be your opinion if you don't know what Nichols talked to Danny at all for.

Dr. Casolaro: Well I'll come to that.

Sgt. Gaither: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. I think. Danny. Why would he talk to him? Good question. Why do people talk to anybody, reporters, you know anyway, but Nichols um, was a

Weinfield: Uh, excuse me a moment uh, before this meeting uh, Danny had over a period of some months there before the meetings there had been extensive conversations between them on on...

Sgt. Gaither: He said who knows why anybody does anything but I thought maybe he had a particular reason.

Dr. Casolaro: Well, Michael Reconashuto is the one who first gave Danny Robert Booth Nichols name is my understanding.

Sgt. Gaither: Alright.

Dr. Casolaro: And it was thru him that Danny tracked him down, but you know Danny also talked to Howard Hunt. He got his phone number.

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah. Somebody had told us that.

Weinfield: The only thing about Nichols is that Danny.

Dr. Casolaro: Howard I'm talking for a half hour Danny said he said nothing to him he just kept saying well, gee I don't know, you know he said he was very you know but this guy talked to him.

Weinfield: They had, first let me ask you this, Danny had papers that used to be (inaudible) he suggested to me that was open source, Anthony you know that they were a Booth Nichols had been indicted against the FBI, a particular agent. That's just information for you.

Dr. Casolaro: That's fine that's helpful.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: So he met with Mr. Booth here.

Dr. Casolaro: Well Booth Nichols.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Booth Nichols, I'm sorry.

Dr. Casolaro: The only reason I put his put his middle name is to not to confuse him with Dr. John Nichols.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Sure.

Dr. Casolaro: Um, he met well, let me back up because this Indio Indian Reservation became a focus of according to not just Danny's information but apparently information from about five other journalists that Danny had talked to, I mean this was a bad scene, it was drugs, money laundering and arms transfer and it involved and Danny believed this was a key link to link organized crime with guys like Viednick and I don't know what he was doing out there but apparently had some involvement out there and Inslaw so I think Danny's feeling was if he could tie in the same people to these events, that you could then be a lot stronger case that in fact there is some relationship of be it the exact design of it is probably I mean not clear to me. Uh, and uh, except that these same people kept recurring and uh, uh, and that so it basically you have the Indio Indian Reservation, the BCCI bank, the October surprise, and the Inslaw software, those seem to link together by a common thread being the people. And that's how he got on to this. Some of the other issues he wasn't sure if it was related or not or if it was just these peoples other enterprises.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Uh huh.

Dr. Casolaro: And you know, criminals have, some of them have got (inaudible) you know enterprises. And whether or not, but many people have said that their belief is that the Indio Indian Reservation is the most dangerous because it involved, it was the only direct link he had to organized crime. Now, I know that in the last few weeks, he had made some phone calls to the West Coast and talked to uh, you might call it stupid, he literally called up some of these organized crime guys and talked to him on the phone and got one of them got pretty pissed off at him. And in fact, subsequently somebody said Danny what are you nuts? You don't call these people on the phone, he said to them their weapons are bigger than their brains and uh, you know, that's that's I think the background of what he was looking at. I mean there's a lot of names and dates and places that I've subsequently learned but that was sort of my sense of things prior to last week. He purposely did not tell us a lot of names, I mean he'd say well, uh, he told me a little

bit about Robert Booth Nichols because he found him an interesting character. He told me he was to meet with him six weeks ago. The guy, Danny picked him up at the airport I think. The guy stayed at the Four Seasons, they went out to multiple restaurants and you know were together for three days and at the end of the three days, I heard Danny saying to me that the guy said you know I wish you weren't a writer and then he said to him for whatever it's value, being a joke or not, you know, you just ~~had~~ just know too much, you're just going have to die. Booth Nichols said this.

Sgt. Gaither: Booth Nichols said this?

Dr. Casolaro: Absolutely. And that's what Danny told me weeks ago and he said you know, I didn't know how to take it, he said I don't know if he was joking, I didn't know if he himself was warning me or if he was warning me to stay away because he liked me and he didn't want me to get hurt. He said he honestly couldn't tell the difference. But it was about him that Danny said, he appears like such a gentleman, but from what I know about him he's really just a thug.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Uh huh.

Dr. Casolaro: And uh, Danny found that difficult because I think he's, most of the times he felt that he was a pretty good judge of people after being with them for some period of time and he said him he found very difficult to read. He called me over the phone, he called me from _____, London, called me from his hotel in London, made it clear to tell me where he was staying, he was at the Grovener in London, very expensive apparently. And he says he's calling to offer my condolences, and he talked for about ten minutes, he goes you know your brother considered me a real gentleman. The joke was that Danny I'm sure half teasing him said you know you appear such a gentleman and I'm sure he didn't get the joke. That you know Danny would say that to him, I think Danny truly believed him, but...

Sgt. Gaither: Do you take this as a gloating phone call then?

Dr. Casolaro: I don't know.

Sgt. Gaither: When did he call you?

Dr. Casolaro: Monday night.

Sgt. Gaither: Just what you told me that's what it sounds like.

Dr. Casolaro: It didn't occur to me, I...

Weinfield: So, he had learned about it from Wendy the night
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before. Wendy had called him.

Dr. Casolaro: Maybe it was Tuesday night.

Weinfield: Well, all I know is that Wendy called...

Dr. Casolaro: He called me from London. I don't know that's got to be (inaudible)

Weinfield: Wendy had called my recollection that Wendy had called Mr. Nichols, she first called...

Dr. Casolaro: How could she get him, he's in London.

Weinfield: That she got his name, his number from his wife, she called his home, so Wendy, he had knowledge about Danny's death from Wendy.

Dr. Casolaro: Oh, I didn't know that.

Weinfield: And that's why I believe he called you.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay.

Weinfield: Wendy should never have called but that's over.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: How long has Danny known Wendy?

Dr. Casolaro: About seven years.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Do you know how he met her or anything about her?

Dr. Casolaro: Wendy, uh no, I can't remember who introduced them.

Weinfield: No, Wendy is...

Sgt. Gaither: The question has been asked to the Doctor, and we certainly don't mean to offend anybody, but there are questions we've got to ask.

Weinfield: No, go ahead.

Sgt. Gaither: Were you his family doctor, I guess?

Dr. Casolaro: My partner was.

Sgt. Gaither: Would you know or would you have access to this information, was he on any perscription of any type?

Dr. Casolaro: He was not.

Sgt. Gaither: He was, no perscription at all.

Dr. Casolaro: Absolutely not, he he he always wanted Pennicillin when he was sick, but he never, one time I gave it to him and he goes it's too strong, I'm cutting them in half. I gave him 500 mg. of Pennicillin, I mean it's like he never used prescription drugs, I mean he hated taking medicine.

Sgt. Gaither: No mental problems that you know of?

Dr. Casolaro: He has not, I mean he has not had, no I mean he has not.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Any bouts with depression or anything like that?

Dr. Casolaro: No, I mean it's certainly a question we've asked ourselves and uh, I would say about ten months ago he was frustrated by this investigation but you know that sort of passed and...

Sgt. Gaither: The only thing we can see people says lately he's pretty upbeat and as a matter of fact that was the description a lot of people's used.

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah, I know that's true. And including you know what I saw on Monday. You know he, uh the uh, I think that's what, listen as I told I didn't tell you guys, I have no problem I can have no problem believing what's true, I mean you know people kill themselves, I know it as a doctor even the least likely, obviously if it weren't for the circumstances it would have been a straight forward suicide.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Uh huh.

Dr. Casolaro: But the circumstances just are are so bothersome that I think that you know it's uh...

Sgt. Gaither: We're going to 100% agree with you on that. Everything we've seen in working previous homicides, we can't find nothing at that crime scene that showed that he didn't kill himself, I mean that just hit us almost too perfect, but this whole tale here that does put a new prospective on it. You know just so we can keep you updated.

Dr. Casolaro: Sure.

Sgt. Gaither: We just can't find nothing there. We've been over and over and over it, called outside in on it. We can't find nothing else there. This (Mr. Turner) apparently was the last one or one of the last people to talk to him. We interviewed him and he's even quoted like you said a while ago in the morning's paper that he knows for sure that Danny talked to somebody else. So, he has to know who it was Danny

talked to.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Have you talked to Turner?

Dr. Casolaro: I've talked to Turner he just, I asked him if he knew of Danny's meeting and I thought he told me he didn't.

Sgt. Gaither: Well maybe, but that's more than he's telling us.

Dr. Casolaro: And you know, for all I know again this guy, everybody has got their own motivation and he may be trying to get more attention to his own.

Sgt. Gaither: Absolutely.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: To us it sounds like he might you know he might just be selling the story to the highest bidder, right now.

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: He's going on TV today at like 4 or 4:30.

Sgt. Gaither: Is there a show down there "Inside Edition" or?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: "Inside Edition".

Dr. Casolaro: I didn't know that was supposed to be tomorrow.

Sgt. Gaither: Oh, well...

Dr. Casolaro: Cause they interviewed Elliot Richardson.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: When when we found out about it, the third party, they said should have been, they should be today. That's what we thought, it could be tomorrow.

Dr. Casolaro: You know Elliot Richardson is the Inslaw attorney, you probably know that.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yeah, uh huh.

Sgt. Gaither: He was supposed to talk to one of our prosecutors this morning as a matter of fact it was my sister because she was supposed to call him this morning because this everytime we try to talk to this Turner he keeps referring us to his attorney.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Right.

Sgt. Gaither: This Richardson.

Dr. Casolaro: Elliot Richardson?

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah.

Dr. Casolaro: Let's see your, your, your...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: That's what he said.

Dr. Casolaro: Your name is...

Sgt. Gaither: Gaither.

Dr. Casolaro: Gaither?

Sgt. Gaither: Uh huh.

Dr. Casolaro: So your, your, your sister...

Sgt. Gaither: Is one of the assistant prosecutors.

Dr. Casolaro: Now, um, well let me tell you a couple other things and again I'm going to give you all the information that the, I'm not, the people who told me some of this, I have there names and phone numbers. They have not yet agreed to talk to anybody because they're scared. Okay, but let me just give you the bottom line. About, Danny's been trying to meet with this guy named Peter Veidnick, he's a reported CIA agent for a couple, couple months. He's in a, Danny's in a bar called The Sign of the Whale, which is down here on Rt. 50 in June. (Inaudible) in uniform, who says he just got back from Desert Storm, subsequently we find out and he's there for you know whatever reasons. He puts a card on the table on the bar that says "Business Risks Incorporated". Now some how Danny knew this name from his Inslaw investigation and he looked at his card and he said oh, you know I know that group and they started talking. Um, the guy knows Veidnick and Danny talked to him for about an hour or two and then he and Danny was with a woman at that time. Danny had just a friend of his that he had met for lunch or whatever and he had agreed to meet with Danny further. Now they were there together a long time and I don't know the results of all their conversation except he told Danny it was this person said listen Danny this is you know dangerous stuff and he told him that you know he ought to lay off and uh, that is all we know about that initial meeting. Now he subsequently met with him again on June, July 25th. I got a call from a woman who after reading in the paper said, you know I waited five (5) days I was scared, but I'm calling you. She, I have her name and number but she doesn't want me to give it out and I, she says she might agree to the interview.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: That's fine.

Dr. Casolaro: You have to push a little maybe. She said she was at this bar called "Fitzgeralds".

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Up here?

Dr. Casolaro: It's in Alexandria.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Okay.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood Dr. Casolaro: And she said that she saw this guy there, this guy named Joe Quayar. She didn't know him. This guy's at the bar and so he starts talking to her. He says he's waiting for someone. Then Danny comes.

Sgt. Gaither: She knows Danny.

Dr. Casolaro: She doesn't know him.

Sgt. Gaither: Oh, okay.

Dr. Casolaro: She did not know him before.

Sgt. Gaither: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: She said that um, she said that Danny was interviewing him and that he said things, she was not, once Danny got there, it was clear Danny really didn't want her sitting at the table while they talked, but she said he was nice and they joked around for awhile and Danny gave her a manuscript of a book he said he was writing which wasn't about this and in fact I think he gave her someone else's manuscript that he was, somebody had asked him to read cause she sort of sat aside and she said she wasn't supposed to be listening but she was cause she was interested and she said she heard the name Veidnick a number of times, she had heard the name Byrd a number of times and uh, she said that she heard this guy Quayar said I can do it but what can you do for me and then he then kept saying why are you pushing it why do you keep pushing this and then at, then Danny left and then she said you know she said Quayar said to her he said, oh, that guy was so drunk, she said you know it was funny she looked back, she said Danny hadn't had more than one beer and she said he wasn't drunk. She said she didn't understand why he said that to her, but then she said this guy Quayar said to her, that guy is going to get himself killed and so um, the uh, this girl ended up going home with Quayar. She said I didn't sleep with him, she goes I don't know why I have to tell you that. So, I said I you know, she said that she said he lives across the street from there and she was just too tired to go home so she said the next morning he got up and she said he didn't wear a uniform where he worked and uh,

that was the last she knew of anything until she saw it in the newspaper. Now subsequently a person who is a friend of Dannys who ended up dating Quayar in the last six weeks um, tells me the following things. Quayar is about 37, he went to West Point, he was in military intelligence is what she said to him, he said to her, he was in Africa as an archeologist as his cover for some period of time and another cover as a rare bird merchant in another part of the world. He didn't say he was with the CIA but that was you know was an intelligence. Um, he um, he was the one Danny was trying to get up to meeting, he knows Veidnick and Danny was trying to agree to a meeting. Oh, by the way at that last meeting on July 25th, she said that, well the last thing Danny said is are you sure you can set it up and he said yes and he said are you sure you're going to do it and he said yes for what it's worth. Now, remember Veidnick's wife, I told you is his West Virginia connection, okay? It turns out that Quayar's either ex-wife or ex-girlfriend also worked in Byrd's office. Whatever that's worth. For all I know they know each other just socially and their wives work together.

Sgt. Gaither: Byrd has home here in Martinsburg or a summer place?

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah. Yeah. Now, um, the uh, now one other thing, this guy is an you know is now still an intelligence here, while he says he's waiting to set up his own business. His own business is supposed to be a starting a new business called Casa Nuevo, which is to help third world countries particularly in South America start their own construction businesses some cards printed up to help for his new business. It almost sounds so suspicious it's got to be true.

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah.

Dr. Casolaro: The uh, one thing is that Joe found out that Danny died apparently when somebody called him Wednesday afternoon. He said he didn't know before that. You know maybe people in intelligence don't pay attention to the newspapers and TV I guess, but if you live in Washington you couldn't not here about it very easily um, and he came to the funeral, I didn't see him though. That's about it in terms of that background.

Sgt. Gaither: Go ahead Ark, do you have anything that you think you need to add?

Weinfield: Well I just want to know if he (inaudible).

Sgt. Gaither: I tried to interrupt you there. You know this whole tale there absolutely that's a horror story and I'm not going to even try to speculate how much is fact how much is not fact, what he knew was going on and stuff but we're still

confronted with what happened up there last Saturday morning and all and even though he was aware of all this stuff did this really tie in to what happened up there. That's what we're looking at anything, anybody we can talk to that could actually give us something besides what we have in our hands.

Dr. Casolaro: Well let me tell you the people that have been proposed that he might have been trying to meet. Peter Veidnick is probably the number one guy that he's trying to meet.

Sgt. Gaither: Okay, I've got him.

Dr. Casolaro: There's another guy named Burtram Dunn.

Sgt. Gaither: Burtram Dunn. We did everything to try to find this. He's supposedly the CIA, retired.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Or ex-CIA, living in Inwood somewhere is what we got.

Sgt. Gaither: And there he's not living under that name. *Callie*

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. Now, um, there is one, again one other, I understand that somebody has talked to Quayar about this and he's a little uncomfortable but he said he'll help. The, he says he thought Danny said he was meeting somebody from the West Coast in Martinsburg and I don't know if he's just trying to, I don't know what that means.

Sgt. Gaither: We have unconfirmed report that Danny did in fact talk to someone else in Martinsburg who witness describes what they thought was an Iranian or an Indian, not that they didn't say like American Indian.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Dark hair and dark complected.

Sgt. Gaither: And we've never seen this Turner and we were hoping it was him. But from the physical description we can get off his driver's license and stuff it doesn't sound like him.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: It doesn't sound like him.

Sgt. Gaither: You know and this Turner (inaudible), he was never in the Sheraton with him. Danny was apparently in the bar with someone, a stranger that he had met there, a stranger to the employees there. It is probable that he did meet somebody else and we don't have that name yet.

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah.

Weinfield: The limits of your investigative authority, are you and is there any way, are you working with the Fairfax

Police, (inaudible) are not turned out. This is strictly a Martinsburg problem. Uh, is there any way to get the Fairfax Police involved and I know your not in the position legally or anything to come and talk or inquire from these locals here.

Sgt. Gaither: Well, yes, he and I is going to stay here. We have a duplex just left here from the Sheriff's Department is going to be our guide.

Weinfield: (Inaudible) You are legally going to pursue that.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yes sir.

Sgt. Gaither: Yes sir.

Weinfield: Oh that's terrific.

Sgt. Gaither: And we'll be staying in one of the local hotels.

Weinfield: So how long will you guys be here?

Sgt. Gaither: Till as long as it takes.

Weinfield: As long as it takes. Well that's super.

Sgt. Gaither: What we would like you know, as a matter of fact maybe we should have done already had done it. Danny's home, we'd like to have the two officer's out there look at the home if it is okay with you. There's an officer on staff here who was going to take them to it if they can get a key or they just want to look around. Don't even know what we're looking for.

Dr. Casolaro: Danny's son is living there.

Sgt. Gaither: Oh yeah.

Dr. Casolaro: But you know.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Is Danny's ex-wife here?

Dr. Casolaro: She was for a day but she went back. Two days.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Where does she live?

Dr. Casolaro: Florida.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: Well you know it's interesting I was at

Danny's. I was trying to find a note that Danny had shown me many years ago that I wanted. It was stuck in one of the books and I was there at the house alone (inaudible) the note and some officers walking in inquiring what are you doing here. I decided to stop and wait until somebody was there before I kept looking for it.

Weinfield: You can arrange that with Tony. In fact I could if you want I could even I could drive out to the house and I can let you guys in.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: We have two officers out there.

Sgt. Gaither: There going to go look around and then they're going back.

Dr. Casolaro: Um, the only thing I, this again is by way of helping, filling in those of us who are Danny's friends understand well what the extent of the investigation, uh are any other investigative bodies involved with this. Uh, we've been hearing that the FBI out of the Pittsburgh office is uh...

Sgt. Gaither: Well, I think probably is what you saw was a newspaper article and all press releases from the FBI are released thru there headquarters and that's our headquarters for that area is the Pittsburgh office and I think that's probably where you get it.

Weinfield: There's no legal, there's no charter for them to involve, even if you were to invite them in they couldn't do much.

Sgt. Gaither: Well, without quoting specific law which I might, can't, I can't quote. We've talked to the FBI of course cause they are a personal friend and they stop in the office all the time but as far as them having any jurisdiction over the case at this time, they don't.

Weinfield: So, there's been no real FBI investigation?

Sgt. Gaither: Not to our knowledge.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Not that I know of.

Weinfield: Would they normally conduct one?

Sgt. Gaither: As it stands now I certainly don't think so.

Weinfield: (inaudible) they would certainly extend the courtesy.

Sgt. Gaither: They would I mean like I said they have already offered us any courtesy they can, their lab, their

facilities and this and that.

Weinfield: They're not going to come in and walk over your _____?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: No.

Weinfield: So you do not know the extent of the FBI involvement, if there is any.

Sgt. Gaither: Well as from what we know there is none.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: There is none.

Weinfield: Okay. Okay. Is there any way for the family, do you know of any way that we could get in touch with the FBI ourselves directly and make an inquiry to them that I am making to you.

Sgt. Gaither: Well, the supervisor for the agents in our area is the Pittsburgh office of the FBI. That would be my best guess on how to get a hold of them. The special agent in charge of the Pittsburgh office.

Weinfield: Okay. Do you have a name or?

Sgt. Gaither: I don't know who the special agent is.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Oh, and I've met him to and I can't recall him.

Weinfield: But that would be his title.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Special Agent in Charge, uh huh.

Weinfield: In the Pittsburgh office? So.

Sgt. Gaither: We have resident agents in Martinsburg but that is there immediate supervisor.

Weinfield: So, they would probably just bump it just back to Pittsburgh if I went to them directly?

Sgt. Gaither: If you're asking my opinion, yes.

Dr. Casolaro: I did get a call from an FBI guy here who said, he said he was working on something that paralleled what Danny was doing, they had gotten, what he said to me was we got a tip from our New York office who called me. This was a supervisor in the New York office called me said that they gave me some, told me what had happened and said we will be willing to do whatever you want us to do is how he left it. He said we're not saying we should take over we're just saying we're willing to...

Sgt. Gaither: Did he ask you any questions?

Dr. Casolaro: A couple not many.

Sgt. Gaither: Are you positive you were talking to a FBI agent?

Dr. Casolaro: Well I called him, yes cause I called him back and I called the number that said FBI headquarters.

Sgt. Gaither: The little bit of limited time you had news media there you can find there's no limit to what they'll do.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: We've had people posing as investigators from everywhere calling them back and getting no answer, no phone.

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah.

Weinfield: Tony would have been, I thought the same, Tony would have.

Dr. Casolaro: I called them back at the FBI headquarters.

Sgt. Gaither: We haven't talked to any FBI agents from here.

Dr. Casolaro: Have the West Virginia State Police, how do they may be working on it, do they get involved in situations?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: They're doing lab work.

Dr. Casolaro: They're doing lab work?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: They're doing all the lab work.

Dr. Casolaro: Uh huh.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Any kind of analysis or anything, stuff like that.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay.

Weinfield: If Tony or I or any other, I'm not talking about somebody off the wall, but if somebody that, Tony, a regular family, person that had a legitimate interest wanted to get information to you would they, could they do that thru Fairfax or they should they do that directly with you, to you?

Sgt. Gaither: Well, so far, we've had excellent cooperation with this Det. Ken Smith or you have our office numbers you can ask for anyone of us personally, we're usually there.

Weinfield: Do you have?

Dr. Casolaro: I don't.

Sgt. Gaither: We have cards.

Weinfield: Would you leave your cards?

Sgt. Gaither: Sure.

Weinfield: And Ken Smith you said is the...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Fairfax investigator.

Weinfield: Yeah okay that name (inaudible).

Dr. Casolaro: Let me ask you, I, did anyone ever track down where the collect call that he made to my mother originated from?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: That's the one on Friday, your sister told us that she thought your mom said he called from Pennsylvania.

Dr. Casolaro: Correct.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: But she said your mom was very distraught naturally and she's not sure if she's right on the time or the place.

Dr. Casolaro: Well, it was probably about six.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: That's what she said. No I haven't been able to verify it yet.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay, I asked Ken Smith.

Sgt. Gaither: He just mentioned that to us.

Dr. Casolaro: I asked him to pull the records.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: The bills would be coming in in a day or so he said.

Sgt. Gaither: But you know unless you have a source at the phone company you still need a court order. They won't even get it to a police officer.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Right.

Dr. Casolaro: No they told me they would.

Sgt. Gaither: Oh, the phone company did?

Dr. Casolaro: I talked to AT&T. They said if you have the police call our security department they'll pull the tapes and give you the number. I mean I talked to AT&T for an hour yesterday.

Sgt. Gaither: Usually if you happen to know someone in security they will give it to you as a courtesy, but you know in this case I think he said the bill arrives on the 25th or something and he didn't have it yet.

Dr. Casolaro: Alright. Alright, let me ask...go ahead if you have any questions. (inaudible)

Sgt. Gaither: Okay, well go ahead.

Dr. Casolaro: You know let me just ask you the method of suicide, if that's what it was, according to the coroner it's not, it's not a, you know it's a painful thing to do. There are certain ways that are painful and some are not. Does that bother anybody one way or the other?

Sgt. Gaither: Yes. This whole story bothers us, but...

Weinfield: Well, no I have some, I'd like to add if you don't mind, I have some questions about... Did you take a look at Danny's arms at all?

Dr. Casolaro: No, I just looked at his wrists.

Weinfield: You did look at his wrists?

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah.

Weinfield: So you did see the wounds?

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah.

Weinfield: Then there's no point in (inaudible).

Dr. Casolaro: No the original, whoever I talked to, I don't know if it was you or the next person. I only talked to two people. One was you initially and the other was Chief Perry.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Smith.

Dr. Casolaro: Perry Smith. And...

Weinfield: Let me show this again. Were the uh, did he get an artery in both arms. Do you know that? Did he cut, he's right handed, did he was there cuts on the left arm.

Dr. Casolaro: More on the left than on the right.

Weinfield: They were more on the left than on the right.

Dr. Casolaro: It was more, it was venus cuts.

Weinfield: On the left?

Dr. Casolaro: On both sides. Originally I heard and that might have been you and again I know it was Monday morning, I thought what you said to me was there were cuts on the arms.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I may have said arms or on the wrist area.

Dr. Casolaro: Right. I think when you said arms and so when somebody asked me I was told arms not, and you know they said wrists or arms, I said, he said arms, what can I say I don't know.

Sgt. Gaither: Do you have any objections to showing the pictures if we get a chance?

Dr. Casolaro: I don't want to right yet, maybe when we're done. I will when we're done.

Sgt. Gaither: Maybe it would be better if I just try to describe it to you.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay.

Sgt. Gaither: And I wasn't there, neither one of us was there, but, from pictures and from going back to the scene, he had both cuts on both arms but the scenario you told the detective a while ago here, this fits it perfect, won't you tell him that.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Go ahead.

Sgt. Gaither: He got undressed. He was undressed. He apparently set on the camode there for a certain time and then he got into the tub it looked like.

Dr. Casolaro: So he cut himself on the camode?

Sgt. Gaither: No, I don't think it, there was only a small amount outside of the bathtub at all. There was some blood on the tub wall I guess there. But just bloody water is what it was. It's our opinion that maybe he changed his mind and tried to get up, but then it was too late.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: And put his hand on the wall to balance himself. Get up and then passed back out.

Sgt. Gaither: We went over it a thousand times. If someone was in there forcing him, there would have been some type of bigger mess made. There wasn't no attempt to clean anything

up. At least from what we seen. We've been on our hands and knees in the hallways, the whole room.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: The stairwell.

Sgt. Gaither: There is no blood at all outside that immediate area at all. The doctor, attending doctor who did the autopsy, no signs of a struggle anywhere. The cuts were all just real clean cuts.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: We saw no footprints in the bathroom or anything.

Dr. Casolaro: Now, did you all go back to the crime scene after it had been cleaned?

Sgt. Gaither: I have yes.

Dr. Casolaro: When was it cleaned, I still am not clear.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Oh, let me look here.

Dr. Casolaro: By that cleaning company. I only read it in the newspaper, I didn't hear about it or anything. I thought she told me Sunday.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: No.

Sgt. Gaither: I thought it was Saturday.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: No it wasn't cleaned than. I'll have to double check on that. I'm not sure.

Sgt. Gaither: I don't really know.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I'm not sure.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. Just you should know Danny hated needles.

Sgt. Gaither: Somebody had told us.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: They said you had said that.

Dr. Casolaro: I mean, no question, he refused blood tests. His cholesterol was up, he didn't want to have it rechecked cause he didn't like needles. You know that's why I say, the mode bothers me a little, only because I know.

Sgt. Gaither: That's what we read in the paper. It's not the preferred method to kill yourself, but...

Dr. Casolaro: Right. Um, uh, let me ask you, apparently there was some broken glass.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Right.

Dr. Casolaro: Do we know what it was from or where it was.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: It appears to be a drinking glass. There was some broken glass.

Sgt. Gaither: He had some wine to drink.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Did he drink wine or water?

Dr. Casolaro: Preferably beer.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Do you know if he has a little cache of wine someplace or anything?

Dr. Casolaro: No, no, he wasn't a wine, I mean you know, if fact he mostly...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Well, it's not like a cheap wine, it would be like a good dinner wine.

Sgt. Gaither: We have him buying some wines in a restaurant there.

Dr. Casolaro: No, he, I mean he would drink wine with dinner. The um, the broken glass, you think it is just a, you think it was just a...

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah, it was the bathroom glass.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yeah.

Dr. Casolaro: The bathroom glass.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yeah.

Dr. Casolaro: So, you don't know how it got there on the floor?

Sgt. Gaither: No. That is the only piece of physical evidence that just don't go with the theory we have here. How the glass got broken.

Weinfield: Is that away from or near the bathtub or?

Sgt. Gaither: It was right beside the sink there, where it had been setting.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: It may have just been knocked over.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. What about the toxicology? Is that back yet?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: It hasn't come back yet.

Dr. Casolaro: Do you know what they're looking for? It still I mean, I can honestly presume it's going to be negative, but, the question is not just that it's negative, but what specifically, what to look for.

Sgt. Gaither: Oh, they look for any foreign substance in the blood, alcohol, narcotics, uh, I don't know what...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Any kind of poisons.

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah. It's easy to say that, but in fact some of them are very labor intensive to look for. I mean you can't just screen, doing blood tests you have to, it's like anything else, if you don't know what you're looking for you won't see it just cause...

Sgt. Gaither: Well, that's out of our field.

Dr. Casolaro: Now what about fingerprints on the razor?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: They have the razor blade and that will be also tested.

Dr. Casolaro: And the palm print was on the side of the tub?

Sgt. Gaither: Tub wall.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yeah.

Sgt. Gaither: That's what we called it there.

Dr. Casolaro: It looked like a palm print? Presumably his?

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah. Well, I don't think it was one that could be printed, it was more of a smudge. From the pictures I've seen it was more of a smudge, I don't think it was something that would identify him. As far as the razor blades we have combed every store I think in the county.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: And some out of state even.

Dr. Casolaro: Can you find those same blades?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: We've come close, we've come close, we've found the same box, but different colors and that's one thing else we're trying to place. I don't exactly where they make them.

Sgt. Gaither: We're speculating, which is a lot of what we've been doing this case (inaudible) one of the last places he got gas or something.

Dr. Casolaro: Which we'll find out from his credit cards? Are you all requested to pull those credit card receipts?

Sgt. Gaither: They won't give them to us, they won't give them to us without a court order from the state.

Dr. Casolaro: Can't you, wouldn't it be faster to get a court order and get them.

Sgt. Gaither: Probably not. Not in this state. I don't think.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. What about his personal property. Do you all have a list of what he had with him?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yes. Shannon does.

Sgt. Gaither: One of the investigators out there that you can take to the house has...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: And his car.

Dr. Casolaro: Is his car still up there?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yes. It's at our garage.

Dr. Casolaro: Was his car, was there anything in it?

Sgt. Gaither: We've took everything out of there, at this time nothing.

Dr. Casolaro: No, what was in it when they found?

Sgt. Gaither: Oh.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Shannon has that list too.

Sgt. Gaither: I just thought of something I was going to ask you since you brought that up. This Wendy does she smoke?

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah. So does Danny.

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah I know Danny did. We found his brand of cigarettes and then we found another brand with lipstick on it.

Dr. Casolaro: Probably I mean, probably Wendy's I don't what she smokes, I mean.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: We were talking about that to your sister the other day that Danny would often just smoke whatever anybody had.

Dr. Casolaro: Right.

Sgt. Gaither: And these had lipstick on them.

Dr. Casolaro: What about papers in the car?

Sgt. Gaither: The only papers that amounted to anything, as far as his manuscript papers nothing was found there.

Dr. Casolaro: Not at the crime scene, not at the room either.

Sgt. Gaither: We took, out of the trunk.

Dr. Casolaro: Not like a bunch I mean like look cause I told you I've been doing this for five (5) days and I can't live without these papers. Just because people ask me...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I haven't seen those. No.

Dr. Casolaro: That I think is one of the most bothersome things.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Well then we have this Mr. Turner.

Sgt. Gaither: He's saying he gave

Dr. Casolaro: That's fine that's helpful.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: So he met with Mr. Booth here.

Dr. Casolaro: Well Booth Nichols.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Booth Nichols, I'm sorry.

Dr. Casolaro: The only reason I put his middle name is to not to confuse him with Dr. John Nichols.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Sure.

Dr. Casolaro: Um, he met well, let me back up because this Indio Indian Reservation became a focus of according to not just Danny's information but apparently information from about five other journalists that Danny had talked to, I mean this was a bad scene, it was drugs, money laundering and arms transfer and it involved and Danny believed this was a key link to link organized crime with guys like Viednick and I don't know what he was doing out there but apparently had some involvement out there and Inslaw so I think Danny's feeling was if he could tie in the same people to these events, that you could then be a lot stronger case that in fact there is some relationship of be it the exact design of it is probably I mean not clear to me. Uh, and uh, except that these same people kept recurring and uh, uh, and that so it basically you have the Indio Indian Reservation, the BCCI bank, the October surprise, and the Inslaw software, those seem to link together by a common thread being the people. And that's how he got on to this. Some of the other issues he wasn't sure if it was related or not or if it was just these peoples other enterprises.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Uh huh.

Dr. Casolaro: And you know, criminals have, some of them have got (inaudible) you know enterprises. And whether or not, but many people have said that their belief is that the Indio Indian Reservation is the most dangerous because it involved, it was the only direct link he had to organized crime. Now, I know that in the last few weeks, he had made some phone calls to the West Coast and talked to uh, you might call it stupid, he literally called up some of these organized crime guys and talked to him on the phone and got one of them got pretty pissed off at him. And in fact, subsequently somebody said Danny what are you nuts? You don't call these people on the phone, he said to them their weapons are bigger than their brains and uh, you know, that's that's I think the background of what he was looking at. I mean there's a lot of names and dates and places that I've subsequently learned but that was sort of my sense of things prior to last week. He supposedly did not tell us a mean he'd say well, uh, he told me a little

Dr. Casolaro: What I can tell you is that...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: It's not working right hold on.

Dr. Casolaro: Is you probably read in you know some of what's in the papers has been true and some hasn't.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Uh huh.

Dr. Casolaro: And I'm a little annoyed at sometimes you say a half of phrase, say two phrases and they put in one phrase and not the other.

Sgt. Gaither: Dealing with a newspaper that's what you're going to get.

Dr. Casolaro: Well you know that's not I've not had a lot of experience in fact none so, um, that's what I learned. Um, but what I can tell you is that we believe from what Danny had talked to people that he's in to West Virginia at least at least twice and maybe three times.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. In the last few months. He was last there we believe in June and I think it was about the weekend of the 17th because it was my nieces high school graduation and he said I have to go to West Virginia this weekend.

Sgt. Gaither: We'll just try to confirm as much as we can...

Dr. Casolaro: Sure.

Sgt. Gaither: And this and that and we can place him there too but of course nobody...

Dr. Casolaro: Sure.

Sgt. Gaither: Can nail down a date, bar maid said yeah, I seen him it was back in the summer.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Some people knew him from a year ago.

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah. I seen him a year ago.

Dr. Casolaro: Well, that may be, that may be. He may have been there a few months ago also.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yeah.

Dr. Casolaro: Um, according to this guy Turner, what he tells me is that he met with Danny some time in the spring there and he drove over there because it was closer than

closer to Martinsburg than it is.

Sgt. Gaither: Oh much closer.

Dr. Casolaro: So, he just, Danny would come there when he was going to be up there he might try drive over and meet with him but they have never given any papers before he said Friday. Danny kept...

Sgt. Gaither:

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah, that's what he said. So he was there in the spring then in June and I don't know if he has been there before. It's not clear to me exactly why he chose Martinsburg, but I have some thoughts which I'll tell you.

Sgt. Gaither: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: Uh, he's been working on a story that most of which is in the newspaper has been difficult to discern exactly, but I'll, what it really deals with is about a couple different issues, one of which is. It had to do, he started off with this Inslaw software. This is a theft, it's a reported theft by the justice department of software that's used to track criminals. It originally was designed for prosecuting attorneys to help keep track of people. Apparantley they recognized it had uses for tracking dissidence for certain for countries that might want to keep track of them and for a country like ours to track terrorists. I don't understand the software, I don't pretend to. I just know that that's what it was for. Now Inslaw maintains that and at least the first court agreed with them the second court that there software was taken by justice and given to another company. That company was involved a guy named um, let's see, Earl Brian. Well, Earl Brian is a guy who was a confident of Reagan's but not a high, I mean a confident, but more a kitchen cabinet guy.

Sgt. Gaither: Uh huh.

Dr. Casolaro: And apparantley a guy involved with a guy named Peter Viednik, Viednik. Did that name ever come up?

Sgt. Gaither: I've never heard it.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. It may be the guy Danny was trying to meet in West Virginia.

Sgt. Gaither: How do you spell Viednik (inaudible)?

Dr. Casolaro: I think it's V-I-E-D-N-I-C-K, but I'm not sure it shouldn't be hard because his wife is the chief of staff for Byrd, Senator Byrd.

Sgt. Gaither: Okay.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: So he can't be hard to track down.

Sgt. Gaither: Would you know what nationality that is?

Dr. Casolaro: I don't know. It is reportedly you know a quote customs agent but he keeps changing departments and is reported by a couple other people and I don't mean, I'm passing on some I'll tell you what I believe is gossip and what's real what I can believe.

Sgt. Gaither: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: He is reported to be by three or four people you know he was CIA assigned to the Inslaw to sort of oversee the Inslaw software at justice and it is reported that he who engineered the sort of the the altering of the software because what they wanted to do was sell to foreign governments with some bugs in it so that they could then retrieve the information. I mean it sounds like a smart thing to do if I were the CIA, I'm not. But apparently they wanted to get it out of the hands of Inslaw because they wanted to be able to use it themselves. So Inslaw's law suit claims that they drove them into bankruptcy and all this. That's sort of a different issue.

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah. Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: Only related so far is some of the people recur. Uh, um there's a guy named George Fender and guy named Earl Brian. Fender was a confidant of Casey's the ex-CIA director and Earl Brian was a Reagan confidant. It is alleged, no proof, it is alleged that Earl Brian was sent to Iran in September of 1980 before the election. That they made arrangements with the Iranians not to release the hostages until after the election to prevent the quote October surprise. And it is alleged that the a pay off to Brian and a guy who accompanied him whose name I don't have, but it's document and papers is that the pay off was to give them control and rights to this software, thru a company that they then set up. You know, that trail, Hamilton's have to know the names, dates and places of that.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Bill Hamilton?

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: Now he the um, there is a paper trail. Danny NW: 15457 DocId:70098636 Page 33

cancelled checks from Kershoggy the arms

merchant to someone else for four million dollars. He has that cancelled check. He has a copy of it. I don't know how he got it. I know that he, I've seen it. I mean he's got it and it's even in his papers, a copy of it. Who it's for or what it's for, I mean you can get cancelled checks for anything but apparently if you put all the pieces together that's what falls into line. Now, the um, what Danny was looking at was trying to tie in, he said the same people kept coming back. There's this, you know, the quote October surprise and there's this Inslaw software. Inslaw was more of Danny's entry into this. And uh, only in so far that is a valuable piece of software for tracking people and so a lot of people wanted it. Um, it's apparently according to Hamilton, it's been used by 170 different organizations then and that's one of the reasons for their suit. Um, now, the tie in also you know, talking about BCCI and then the West Coast Indian Reservation. BCCI, Danny believed was a conduit for money, I mean and that's been I mean you don't have to be genius to, I knew that just from reading the paper. But he had helped the Time investigator over the last nine months. He had given them a few things and he tried to get some things out of him and uh, uh, the guy Jonathan Beatty who wrote the story, Danny said gee, that's really only the tip, that's only there money, I mean that's only how they launder the money, that doesn't get to the problem which is where does the money come from to begin with and how, it's just the means of laundering it. Um, Danny was looking for a tie between this West, let me explain the West Coast. So, BCCI is more of the banking arm of it. There's a couple other banks that Danny had looked into, one is the Nugan Hand Bank in Australia and the other is this bank on the Island of Domenico and you'll see in his little summary, he talks about Domenico at the end. It's a bank I believe it's a bazaar name for a bank called like the Red Dragon. A bazaar name, it's a bank and it's a banana export company that supposedly they can't document much business activity but seems to put on the books, millions of dollars a year from their quote, banana exporting and according to what Danny believed you know, their business doesn't match their receipts. (inaudible). So, uh, now this thing about the West Coast, the most dangerous part, according to many people of what Danny was working on involved this Indian Reservation in California. It was the Cabason Indians. The Cabson Indians, a few years ago, apparently the government set up a arms manufacturing sight. We know that they hired this guy, Michael Reconashuto who is probably a criminal, had been a criminal by the way for eight years before that, had been convicted of of drugs and

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Nickname, Dangerman?

Dr. Casolaro: Right. That guy. Danny called him that. Now, he despite that history, had set him up as their director of research at this Indian Reservation because

he's apparently a criminal, but a bright one, with a good background in lazer and science and they set him up there as a researcher. Now, what's in the, I saw in the papers, it said all that's in Danny's files are copies, you know are copies of things of common papers, well it's true there's a series of annual reports for the last ten years but by tracking thru the annual reports, you can see that originally they had sent some money, it's really not clear where, but if you know what you're looking for and cross check it with other documents, you can show the paper trail, I mean which exists for most of these people of of this set up in California. Now, it started as a drug manu. and arms manufacturing and and sort of uh, uh, uh, it was a way to get arms to the Contras, supposedly and that, he's got a lot of documentation for that, but if they needed money and one way and since Reconashuto had been involved before there's another guy named Dr. John Nichols whose name you'll come across. He in fact has subsequently been convicted of money-murder for hire. He was the head of this Indian Reservation. He went to jail. He's Dr. John Nichols. There's two Nichols in this who were players in this. Dr. John Nichols.

Sgt. Gaither: Dr. of divinity.

Dr. Casolaro: Dr. of divinity from some you know (inaudible) but he was made, he was designated as the head of this Indian Reservation and he had subsequently, if you search, you do searches from back then, went to jail, I believe, it was either for embezzlement, was accused of murder for hire, I don't know, I don't know what he was convicted of. I know he apparently recently got of jail.

Sgt. Gaither: Do you know what state?

Dr. Casolaro: California. Now, um, there is another Nichols, a guy named Robert Booth Nichols. Now, Robert Booth Nichols is at least alleged by the FBI to be a know money launderer connection to organized crime with apparent three suspicious deaths surrounding his and this is what from Danny's materials are in them.

Sgt. Gaither: Uh huh.

Dr. Casolaro: Now, Danny's met with him. He spent three days with him about six weeks ago. He flew. He called me, he flew in from God knows what country, he travels all over the world and met with Danny for three days. He, Danny's opinion of him is that he's a real gentleman, I mean this guy stays at the Four Seasons, which is a very, you know down near Georgetown. He, you know, he made a point because he called me. This guy called me. He made a point of telling me he stays, you know he met Danny in the First Class Lounge, he's a little, I mean he's a little pompous, but the guy, Danny found him as a connection because subsequently the

Cabison this Indio, Indian Reservation became a uh, focus of I remember _____ set it up as a um, an arms you know as a research center.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Uh huh.

Dr. Casolaro: On the board of _____ as Casey and some of these other guys who keep, whose names keep coming up, I mean these are not low level guys. I'm not...

Sgt. Gaither: Let me, I don't mean to be rude, but let me interrupt you so I can keep it straight. What what would be your opinion if you don't know what Nichols talked to Danny at all for.

Dr. Casolaro: Well I'll come to that.

Sgt. Gaither: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. I think. Danny. Why would he talk to him? Good question. Why do people talk to anybody, reporters, you know anyway, but Nichols um, was a

Weinfield: Uh, excuse me a moment uh, before this meeting uh, Danny had over a period of some months there before the meetings there had been extensive conversations between them on on...

Sgt. Gaither: He said who knows why anybody does anything but I thought maybe he had a particular reason.

Dr. Casolaro: Well, Michael Reconashuto is the one who first gave Danny Robert Booth Nichols name is my understanding.

Sgt. Gaither: Alright.

Dr. Casolaro: And it was thru him that Danny tracked him down, but you know Danny also talked to Howard Hunt. He got his phone number.

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah. Somebody had told us that.

Weinfield: The only thing about Nichols is that Danny.

Dr. Casolaro: Howard I'm talking for a half hour Danny said he said nothing to him he just kept saying well, gee I don't know, you know he said he was very you know but this guy talked to him.

Weinfield: They had, first let me ask you this, Danny had papers that used to be (inaudible) he suggested to me that was open source, Anthony you know that they were a Booth Nichols had been indicted against the FBI, a particular agent. That's just information for you.

Dr. Casolaro: That's fine that's helpful.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: So he met with Mr. Booth here.

Dr. Casolaro: Well Booth Nichols.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Booth Nichols, I'm sorry.

Dr. Casolaro: The only reason I put his put his middle name is to not to confuse him with Dr. John Nichols.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Sure.

Dr. Casolaro: Um, he met well, let me back up because this Indio Indian Reservation became a focus of according to not just Danny's information but apparently information from about five other journalists that Danny had talked to, I mean this was a bad scene, it was drugs, money laundering and arms transfer and it involved and Danny believed this was a key link to link organized crime with guys like Viednick and I don't know what he was doing out there but apparently had some involvement out there and Inslaw so I think Danny's feeling was if he could tie in the same people to these events, that you could then be a lot stronger case that in fact there is some relationship of be it the exact design of it is probably I mean not clear to me. Uh, and uh, except that these same people kept recurring and uh, uh, and that so it basically you have the Indio Indian Reservation, the BCCI bank, the October surprise, and the Inslaw software, those seem to link together by a common thread being the people. And that's how he got on to this. Some of the other issues he wasn't sure if it was related or not or if it was just these peoples other enterprises.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Uh huh.

Dr. Casolaro: And you know, criminals have, some of them have got (inaudible) you know enterprises. And whether or not, but many people have said that their belief is that the Indio Indian Reservation is the most dangerous because it involved, it was the only direct link he had to organized crime. Now, I know that in the last few weeks, he had made some phone calls to the West Coast and talked to uh, you might call it stupid, he literally called up some of these organized crime guys and talked to him on the phone and got one of them got pretty pissed off at him. And in fact, subsequently somebody said Danny what are you nuts? You don't call these people on the phone, he said to them their weapons are bigger than their brains and uh, you know, that's that's I think the background of what he was looking at. I mean there's a lot of names and dates and places that I've subsequently learned but that was sort of my sense of things prior to last week. He purposely did not tell us a lot of names, I mean he'd say well, uh, he told me a little

bit about Robert Booth Nichols because he found him an interesting character. He told me he was to meet with him six weeks ago. The guy, Danny picked him up at the airport I think. The guy stayed at the Four Seasons, they went out to multiple restaurants and you know were together for three days and at the end of the three days, I heard Danny saying to me that the guy said you know I wish you weren't a writer and then he said to him for whatever it's value, being a joke or not, you know, you just, you just know too much, you're just going have to die. Booth Nichols said this.

Sgt. Gaither: Booth Nichols said this?

Dr. Casolaro: Absolutely. And that's what Danny told me weeks ago and he said you know, I didn't know how to take it, he said I didn't know if he was joking, I didn't know if he himself was warning me or if he was warning me to stay away because he liked me and he didn't want me to get hurt. He said he honestly couldn't tell the difference. But it was about him that Danny said, he appears like such a gentleman, but from what I know about him he's really just a thug.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Uh huh.

Dr. Casolaro: And uh, Danny found that difficult because I think he's, most of the times he felt that he was a pretty good judge of people after being with them for some period of time and he said him he found very difficult to read. He called me over the phone, he called me from _____, London, called me from his hotel in London, made it clear to tell me where he was staying, he was at the Grovener in London, very expensive apparently. And he says he's calling to offer my condolences, and he talked for about ten minutes, he goes you know your brother considered me a real gentleman. The joke was that Danny I'm sure half teasing him said you know you appear such a gentleman and I'm sure he didn't get the joke. That you know Danny would say that to him, I think Danny truly believed him, but...

Sgt. Gaither: Do you take this as a gloating phone call then?

Dr. Casolaro: I don't know.

Sgt. Gaither: When did he call you?

Dr. Casolaro: Monday night.

Sgt. Gaither: Just what you told me that's what it sounds like.

Dr. Casolaro: It didn't occur to me, I...

before. ~~Wendy had called him.~~

Dr. Casolaro: Maybe it was Tuesday night.

Weinfield: Well, all I know is that Wendy called...

Dr. Casolaro: He called me from London. I don't know that's got to be (inaudible)

Weinfield: Wendy had called my recollection that Wendy had called Mr. Nichols, she first called...

Dr. Casolaro: How could she get him, he's in London.

Weinfield: That she got his name, his number from his wife, she called his home, so Wendy, he had knowledge about Danny's death from Wendy.

Dr. Casolaro: Oh, I didn't know that.

Weinfield: And that's why I believe he called you.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay.

Weinfield: Wendy should never have called but that's over.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: How long has Danny known Wendy?

Dr. Casolaro: About seven years.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Do you know how he met her or anything about her?

Dr. Casolaro: Wendy, uh no, I can't remember who introduced them.

Weinfield: No, Wendy is...

Sgt. Gaither: The question has been asked to the Doctor, and we certainly don't mean to offend anybody, but there are questions we've got to ask.

Weinfield: No, go ahead.

Sgt. Gaither: Were you his family doctor, I guess?

Dr. Casolaro: My partner was.

Sgt. Gaither: Would you know or would you have access to this information, was he on any prescription of any type?

Dr. Casolaro: He was not.

Dr. Casolaro: Absolutely not, he he he always wanted Penicillin when he was sick, but he never, one time I gave it to him and he goes it's too strong, I'm cutting them in half. I gave him 500 mg. of Penicillin, I mean it's like he never used prescription drugs, I mean he hated taking medicine.

Sgt. Gaither: No mental problems that you know of?

Dr. Casolaro: He has not, I mean he has not had, no I mean he has not.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Any bouts with depression or anything like that?

Dr. Casolaro: No, I mean it's certainly a question we've asked ourselves and uh, I would say about ten months ago he was frustrated by this investigation but you know that sort of passed and...

Sgt. Gaither: The only thing we can see people says lately he's pretty upbeat and as a matter of fact that was the description a lot of people's used.

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah, I know that's true. And including you know what I saw on Monday. You know he, uh the uh, I think that's what, listen as I told I didn't tell you guys, I have no problem I can have no problem believing what's true, I mean you know people kill themselves, I know it as a doctor even the least likely, obviously if it weren't for the circumstances it would have been a straight forward suicide.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Uh huh.

Dr. Casolaro: But the circumstances just are are so bothersome that I think that you know it's uh...

Sgt. Gaither: We're going to 100% agree with you on that. Everything we've seen in working previous homicides, we can't find nothing at that crime scene that showed that he didn't kill himself, I mean that just hit us almost too perfect, but this whole tale here that does put a new prospective on it. You know just so we can keep you updated.

Dr. Casolaro: Sure.

Sgt. Gaither: We just can't find nothing there. We've been over and over and over it, called outside _____ in on it. We can't find nothing else there. This Mr. Turner apparently was the last one or one of the last people to talk to him. We interviewed him and he's even quoted like you said a while ago in the morning's paper that he knows for sure that Danny talked to somebody else. So, he has to know who it was Danny

talked to.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Have you talked to Turner?

Dr. Casolaro: I've talked to Turner he just, I asked him if he knew of Danny's meeting and I thought he told me he didn't.

Sgt. Gaither: Well maybe, but that's more than he's telling us.

Dr. Casolaro: And you know, for all I know again this guy, everybody has got their own motivation and he may be trying to get more attention to his own.

Sgt. Gaither: Absolutely.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: To us it sounds like he might you know he might just be selling the story to the highest bidder, right now.

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: He's going on TV today at like 4 or 4:30.

Sgt. Gaither: Is there a show down there "Inside Edition" or?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: "Inside Edition".

Dr. Casolaro: I didn't know that was supposed to be tomorrow.

Sgt. Gaither: Oh, well...

Dr. Casolaro: Cause they interviewed Elliot Richardson.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: When when we found out about it, the third party, they said should have been, they should be today. That's what we thought, it could be tomorrow.

Dr. Casolaro: You know Elliot Richardson is the Inslaw attorney, you probably know that.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yeah, uh huh.

Sgt. Gaither: He was supposed to talk to one of our prosecutors this morning as a matter of fact it was my sister because she was supposed to call him this morning because this everytime we try to talk to this Turner he keeps referring us to his attorney.

Sgt. Gaither: This Richardson.

Dr. Casolaro: Elliot Richardson?

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah.

Dr. Casolaro: Let's see your, your, your...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: That's what he said.

Dr. Casolaro: Your name is...

Sgt. Gaither: Gaither.

Dr. Casolaro: Gaither?

Sgt. Gaither: Uh huh.

Dr. Casolaro: So your, your, your sister...

Sgt. Gaither: Is one of the assistant prosecutors.

Dr. Casolaro: Now, um, well let me tell you a couple other things and again I'm going to give you all the information that they, I'm not, the people who told me some of this, I have there names and phone numbers. They have not yet agreed to talk to anybody because they're scared. Okay, but let me just give you the bottom line. About, Danny's been trying to meet with this guy named Peter Veidnick, He's a reported CIA agent for a couple, couple months. He's in a, Danny's in a bar called The Sign of the Whale, which is down here on Rt. 50 in June. (Inaudible) in uniform, who says he just got back from Desert Storm, subsequently we find out and he's there for you know whatever reasons. He puts a card on the table on the bar that says "Business Risks Incorporated". Now some how Danny knew this name from his Inslaw investigation and he looked at his card and he said oh, you know I know that group and they started talking. Um, the guy knows Veidnick and Danny talked to him for about an hour or two and then he and Danny was with a woman at that time. Danny had just a friend of his that he had met for lunch or whatever and he had agreed to meet with Danny further. Now they were there together a long time and I don't know the results of all their conversation except he told Danny it was this person said listen Danny this is you know dangerous stuff and he told him that you know he ought to lay off and uh, that is all we know about that initial meeting. Now he subsequently met with him again on June, July 25th. I got a call from a woman who after reading in the paper said, you know I waited five (5) days I was scared, but I'm calling you. She, I have her name and number but she doesn't want me to give it out and I, she says she might agree to the interview.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: That's fine.

Dr. Casolaro: You have to push a little maybe. She said she was at this bar called "Fitzgeralds".

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Up here?

Dr. Casolaro: It's in Alexandria.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Okay.

(underline)
Dr. Casolaro: And she said that she saw this guy there, this guy named Joe Quayar. She didn't know him. This guy's at the bar and so he starts talking to her. He says he's waiting for someone. Then Danny comes.

Sgt. Gaither: She knows Danny.

Dr. Casolaro: She doesn't know him.

Sgt. Gaither: Oh, okay.

Dr. Casolaro: She did not know him before.

Sgt. Gaither: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: She said that um, she said that Danny was interviewing him and that he said things, she was not, once Danny got there, it was clear Danny really didn't want her sitting at the table while they talked, but she said he was nice and they joked around for awhile and Danny gave her a manuscript of a book he said he was writing which wasn't about this and in fact I think he gave her someone else's manuscript that he was, somebody had asked him to read cause she sort of sat aside and she said she wasn't supposed to be listening but she was cause she was interested and she said she heard the name Veidnick a number of times, she had heard the name Byrd a number of times and uh, she said that she heard this guy Quayar said I can do it but what can you do for me and then he then kept saying why are you pushing it why do you keep pushing this and then at, then Danny left and then she said you know she said Quayar said to her he said, oh, that guy was so drunk, she said you know it was funny she looked back, she said Danny hadn't had more than one beer and she said he wasn't drunk. She said she didn't understand why he said that to her, but then she said this guy Quayar said to her, that guy is going to get himself killed and so um, the uh, this girl ended up going home with Quayar. She said I didn't sleep with him, she goes I don't know why I have to tell you that. So, I said I you know, she said that she said he lives across the street from there and she was just too tired to go home so she said the next morning he got up and she said he didn't wear a uniform where he worked and uh,

that was the last she knew of anything until she saw it in the newspaper. Now subsequently a person who is a friend of Danny's who ended up dating Quayar in the last six weeks um, tells me the following things. Quayar is about 37, he went to West Point, he was in military intelligence is what she said to him, he said to her, he was in Africa as an archeologist as his cover for some period of time and another cover as a rare bird merchant in another part of the world. He didn't say he was with the CIA but that was you know was an intelligence. Um, he um, he was the one Danny was trying to get up to meeting, he knows Veidnick and Danny was trying to agree to a meeting. Oh, by the way at that last meeting on July 25th, she said that, well the last thing Danny said is are you sure you can set it up and he said yes and he said are you sure you're going to do it and he said yes for what it's worth. Now, remember Veidnick's wife, I told you is his West Virginia connection, okay? It turns out that Quayar's either ex-wife or ex-girlfriend also worked in Byrd's office. Whatever that's worth. For all I know they know each other just socially and their wives work together.

Sgt. Gaither: Byrd has home here in Martinsburg or a summer place?

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah. Yeah. Now, um, the uh, now one other thing, this guy is an you know is now still an intelligence here, while he says he's waiting to set up his own business. His own business is supposed to be a starting a new business called Casa Nuevo, which is to help third world countries particularly in South America start their own construction businesses some cards printed up to help for his new business. It almost sounds so suspicious it's got to be true.

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah.

Dr. Casolaro: The uh, one thing is that Joe found out that Danny died apparently when somebody called him Wednesday afternoon. He said he didn't know before that. You know maybe people in intelligence don't pay attention to the newspapers and TV I guess, but if you live in Washington you couldn't not here about it very easily um, and he came to the funeral, I didn't see him though. That's about it in terms of that background.

Sgt. Gaither: Go ahead Ark, do you have anything that you think you need to add?

Weinfield: Well I just want to know if he (inaudible).

Sgt. Gaither: I tried to interrupt you there. You know this whole tale there absolutely that's a horror story and I'm not going to even try to speculate how much is fact how much is fiction but I do know what he knew was going on and stuff but we're still

confronted with what happened up there last Saturday morning and all and even though he was aware of all this stuff did this really tie in to what happened up there. That's what we're looking at anything, anybody we can talk to that could actually give us something besides what we have in our hands.

Dr. Casolaro: Well let me tell you the people that have been proposed that he might have been trying to meet. Peter Veidnick is probably the number one guy that he's trying to meet.

Sgt. Gaither: Okay, I've got him.

Dr. Casolaro: There's another guy named Burtram Dunn.

Sgt. Gaither: Burtram Dunn. We did everything to try to find this. He's supposedly the CIA, retired.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Or ex-CIA, living in Inwood somewhere is what we got.

Sgt. Gaither: And there he's not living under that name.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. Now, um, there is one, again one other, I understand that somebody has talked to Guayar about this and he's a little uncomfortable but he said he'll help. The, he says he thought Danny said he was meeting somebody from the West Coast in Martinsburg and I don't know if he's just trying to, I don't know what that means.

Sgt. Gaither: We have unconfirmed report that Danny did in fact talk to someone else in Martinsburg who witness describes what they thought was an Iranian or an Indian, not that they didn't say like American Indian.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Dark hair and dark complected.

Sgt. Gaither: And we've never seen this Turner and we were hoping it was him. But from the physical description we can get off his driver's license and stuff it doesn't sound like him.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: It doesn't sound like him.

Sgt. Gaither: You know and this Turner (inaudible), he was never in the Sheraton with him. Danny was apparently in the bar with someone, a stranger that he had met there, a stranger to the employees there. It is probable that he did meet somebody else and we don't have that name yet.

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah.

Weinfield: The limits of your investigative authority, are you and is there any way, are you working with the Fairfax

Police, (inaudible) are not turned out. This is strictly a Martinsburg problem. Uh, is there any way to get the Fairfax Police involved and I know your not in the position legally or anything to come and talk or inquire from these locals here.

Sgt. Gaither: Well, yes, he and I is going to stay here. We have a duputy just left here from the Sheriff's Department is going to be our guide.

Weinfield: (Inaudible) You are legally going to pursue that.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yes sir.

Sgt. Gaither: Yes sir.

Weinfield: Oh that's terrific.

Sgt. Gaither: And we'll be staying in one of the local hotels.

Weinfield: So how long will you guys be here?

Sgt. Gaither: Till as long as it takes.

Weinfield: As long as it takes. Well that's super.

Sgt. Gaither: What we would like you know, as a matter of fact maybe we should have done already had done it. Danny's home, we'd like to have the two officer's out there look at the home if it is okay with you. There's an officer on staff here who was going to take them to it if they can get a key or they just want to look around. Don't even know what we're looking for.

Dr. Casolaro: Danny's son is living there.

Sgt. Gaither: Oh yeah.

Dr. Casolaro: But you know.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Is Danny's ex-wife here?

Dr. Casolaro: She was for a day but she went back. Two days.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Where does she live?

Dr. Casolaro: Florida.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Okay.

Danny's. I was trying to find a note that Danny had shown me many years ago that I wanted. It was stuck in one of the books and I was there at the house alone (inaudible) the note and some officers walking in inquiring what are you doing here. I decided to stop and wait until somebody was there before I kept looking for it.

Weinfield: You can arrange that with Tony. In fact I could if you want I could even I could drive out to the house and I can let you guys in.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: We have two officers out there.

Sgt. Gaither: There going to go look around and then they're going back.

Dr. Casolaro: Um, the only thing I, this again is by way of helping, filling in those of us who are Danny's friends understand well what the extent of the investigation, uh are any other investigative bodies involved with this. Uh, we've been hearing that the FBI out of the Pittsburgh office is uh...

Sgt. Gaither: Well, I think probably is what you saw was a newspaper article and all press releases from the FBI are released thru there headquarters and that's our headquarters for that area is the Pittsburgh office and I think that's probably where you get it.

Weinfield: There's no legal, there's no charter for them to involve, even if you were to invite them in they couldn't do much.

Sgt. Gaither: Well, without quoting specific law which I might, can't, I can't quote. We've talked to the FBI of course cause they are a personal friend and they stop in the office all the time but as far as them having any jurisdiction over the case at this time, they don't.

Weinfield: So, there's been no real FBI investigation?

Sgt. Gaither: Not to our knowledge.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Not that I know of.

Weinfield: Would they normally conduct one?

Sgt. Gaither: As it stands now I certainly don't think so.

Weinfield: (inaudible) they would certainly extend the courtesy.

Sgt. Gaither: They would I mean like I said they have
any courtesy they can, their lab, their
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facilities and this and that.

Weinfield: They're not going to come in and walk over your _____?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: No.

Weinfield: So you do not know the extent of the FBI involvement, if there is any.

Sgt. Gaither: Well as from what we know there is none.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: There is none.

Weinfield: Okay. Okay. Is there any way for the family, do you know of any way that we could get in touch with the FBI ourselves directly and make an inquiry to them that I am making to you.

Sgt. Gaither: Well, the supervisor for the agents in our area is the Pittsburgh office of the FBI. That would be my best guess on how to get a hold of them. The special agent in charge of the Pittsburgh office.

Weinfield: Okay. Do you have a name or?

Sgt. Gaither: I don't know who the special agent is.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Oh, and I've met him to and I can't recall him.

Weinfield: But that would be his title.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Special Agent in Charge, uh huh.

Weinfield: In the Pittsburgh office? So.

Sgt. Gaither: We have resident agents in Martinsburg but that is there immediate supervisor.

Weinfield: So, they would probably just bump it just back to Pittsburgh if I went to them directly?

Sgt. Gaither: If you're asking my opinion, yes.

Dr. Casolaro I did get a call from an FBI guy here who said, he said he was working on something that paralleled what Danny was doing, they had gotten, what he said to me was we got a tip from our New York office who called me. This was a supervisor in the New York office called me said that they gave me some, told me what had happened and said we will be willing to do whatever you want us to do is how he left it. He said we're not saying we should take over we're just saying we're willing to...

Sgt. Gaither: Did he ask you any questions?

Dr. Casolaro: A couple not many.

Sgt. Gaither: Are you positive you were talking to a FBI agent?

Dr. Casolaro: Well I called him, yes cause I called him back and I called the number that said FBI headquarters.

Sgt. Gaither: The little bit of limited time you had news media there you can find there's no limit to what they'll do.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: We've had people posing as investigators from everywhere calling them back and getting no answer, no phone.

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah.

Weinfield: Tony would have been, I thought the same, Tony would have.

Dr. Casolaro: I called them back at the FBI headquarters.

Sgt. Gaither: We haven't talked to any FBI agents from here.

Dr. Casolaro: Have the West Virginia State Police, how do they may be working on it, do they get involved in situations?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: They're doing lab work.

Dr. Casolaro: They're doing lab work?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: They're doing all the lab work.

Dr. Casolaro: Uh huh.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Any kind of analysis or anything, stuff like that.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay.

Weinfield: If Tony or I or any other, I'm not talking about somebody off the wall, but if somebody that, Tony, a regular family, person that had a legitimate interest wanted to get information to you would they, could they do that thru Fairfax or they should they do that directly with you, to you?

Sgt. Gaither: Well, so far, we've had excellent cooperation with this Det. Ken Smith or you have our office numbers you can call anyone of us personally, we're usually there.

Weinfield: Do you have?

Dr. Casolaro: I don't.

Sgt. Gaither: We have cards.

Weinfield: Would you leave your cards?

Sgt. Gaither: Sure.

Weinfield: And Ken Smith you said is the...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Fairfax investigator.

Weinfield: Yeah okay that name (inaudible).

Dr. Casolaro: Let me ask you, I, did anyone ever track down where the collect call that he made to my mother originated from?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: That's the one on Friday, your sister told us that she thought your mom said he called from Pennsylvania.

Dr. Casolaro: Correct.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: But she said your mom was very distraught naturally and she's not sure if she's right on the time or the place.

Dr. Casolaro: Well, it was probably about six.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: That's what she said. No I haven't been able to verify it yet.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay, I asked Ken Smith.

Sgt. Gaither: He just mentioned that to us.

Dr. Casolaro: I asked him to pull the records.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: The bills would be coming in in a day or so he says.

Sgt. Gaither: But you know unless you have a source at the phone company you still need a court order. They won't even get it to a police officer.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Right.

Dr. Casolaro: No they told me they would.

Sgt. Gaither: Oh, the phone company did?

Dr. Casolaro: I talked to AT&T. They said if you have the police call our security department they'll pull the tapes and give you the number. I mean I talked to AT&T for an hour yesterday.

Sgt. Gaither: Usually if you happen to know someone in security they will give it to you as a courtesy, but you know in this case I think he said the bill arrives on the 25th or something and he didn't have it yet.

Dr. Casolaro: Alright. Alright, let me ask...go ahead if you have any questions. (inaudible)

Sgt. Gaither: Okay, well go ahead.

Dr. Casolaro: You know let me just ask you the method of suicide, if that's what it was, according to the coroner it's not, it's not a, you know it's a painful thing to do. There are certain ways that are painful and some are not. Does that bother anybody one way or the other?

Sgt. Gaither: Yes. This whole story bothers us, but...

Weinfield: Well, no I have some, I'd like to add if you don't mind, I have some questions about... Did you take a look at Danny's arms at all?

Dr. Casolaro: No, I just looked at his wrists.

Weinfield: You did look at his wrists?

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah.

Weinfield: So you did see the wounds?

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah.

Weinfield: Then there's no point in (inaudible).

Dr. Casolaro: No the original, whoever I talked to, I don't know if it was you or the next person. I only talked to two people. One was you initially and the other was Chief Perry.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Smith.

Dr. Casolaro: Perry Smith. And...

Weinfield: Let me show this again. Were the uh, did he get an artery in both arms. Do you know that? Did he cut, he's right handed, did he was there cuts on the left arm.

Dr. Casolaro: More on the left than on the right.

Dr. Casolaro: It was more, it was venus cuts.

Weinfield: On the left?

Dr. Casolaro: On both sides. Originally I heard and that might have been you and again I know it was Monday morning, I thought what you said to me was there were cuts on the arms.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I may have said arms or on the wrist area.

Dr. Casolaro: Right. I think when you said arms and so when somebody asked me I was told arms not, and you know they said wrists or arms, I said, he said arms, what can I say I don't know.

Sgt. Gaither: Do you have any objections to showing the pictures if we get a chance?

Dr. Casolaro: I don't want to right yet, maybe when we're done. I will when we're done.

Sgt. Gaither: Maybe it would be better if I just try to describe it to you.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay.

Sgt. Gaither: And I wasn't there, neither one of us was there, but, from pictures and from going back to the scene, he had both cuts on both arms but the scenario you told the detective a while ago here, this fits it perfect, won't you tell him that.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Go ahead.

Sgt. Gaither: He got undressed. He was undressed. He apparently set on the camode there for a certain time and then he got into the tub it looked like.

Dr. Casolaro: So he cut himself on the camode?

Sgt. Gaither: No, I don't think it, there was only a small amount outside of the bathtub at all. There was some blood on the tub wall I guess there. But just bloody water is what it was. It's our opinion that maybe he changed his mind and tried to get up, but then it was too late.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: And put his hand on the wall to balance himself. Get up and then passed back out.

Sgt. Gaither: We went over it a thousand times. If someone was in there forcing him, there would have been some type of

up. At least from what we seen. We've been on our hands and knees in the hallways, the whole room.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: The stairwell.

Sgt. Gaither: There is no blood at all outside that immediate area at all. The doctor, attending doctor who did the autopsy, no signs of a struggle anywhere. The cuts were all just real clean cuts.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: We saw no footprints in the bathroom or anything.

Dr. Casolaro: Now, did you all go back to the crime scene after it had been cleaned?

Sgt. Gaither: I have yes.

Dr. Casolaro: When was it cleaned, I still am not clear.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Oh, let me look here.

Dr. Casolaro: By that cleaning company. I only read it in the newspaper, I didn't hear about it or anything. I thought she told me Sunday.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: No.

Sgt. Gaither: I thought it was Saturday.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: No it wasn't cleaned then. I'll have to double check on that. I'm not sure.

Sgt. Gaither: I don't really know.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I'm not sure.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. Just you should know Danny hated needles.

Sgt. Gaither: Somebody had told us.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: They said you had said that.

Dr. Casolaro: I mean, no question, he refused blood tests. His cholesterol was up, he didn't want to have it rechecked cause he didn't like needles. You know that's why I say, the mode bothers me a little, only because I know.

Sgt. Gaither: That's what we read in the paper. It's not the preferred method to kill yourself, but...

Dr. Casolaro: Right. Um, uh, let me ask you, apparently there was some broken glass.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Right.

Dr. Casolaro: Do we know what it was from or where it was.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: It appears to be a drinking glass. There was some broken glass.

Sgt. Gaither: He had some wine to drink.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Did he drink wine or water?

Dr. Casolaro: Preferably beer.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Do you know if he has a little cache of wine someplace or anything?

Dr. Casolaro: No, no, he wasn't a wine, I mean you know, if fact he mostly...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Well, it's not like a cheap wine, it would be like a good dinner wine.

Sgt. Gaither: We have him buying some wines in a restaurant there.

Dr. Casolaro: No, he, I mean he would drink wine with dinner. The um, the broken glass, you think it is just a, you think it was just a...

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah, it was the bathroom glass.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yeah.

Dr. Casolaro: The bathroom glass.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yeah.

Dr. Casolaro: So, you don't know how it got there on the floor?

Sgt. Gaither: No. That is the only piece of physical evidence that just don't go with the theory we have here. How the glass got broken.

Weinfield: Is that away from or near the bathtub or?

Sgt. Gaither: It was right beside the sink there, where it had been setting.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: It may have just been knocked over.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. What about the toxicology? Is that

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: It hasn't come back yet.

Dr. Casolaro: Do you know what they're looking for? It still I mean, I can honestly presume it's going to be negative, but, the question is not just that it's negative, but what specifically, what to look for.

Sgt. Gaither: Oh, they look for any foreign substance in the blood, alcohol, narcotics, uh, I don't know what...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Any kind of poisons.

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah. It's easy to say that, but in fact some of them are very labor intensive to look for. I mean you can't just screen, doing blood tests you have to, it's like anything else, if you don't know what you're looking for you won't see it just cause...

Sgt. Gaither: Well, that's out of our field.

Dr. Casolaro: Now what about fingerprints on the razor?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: They have the razor blade and that will be also tested.

Dr. Casolaro: And the palm print was on the side of the tub?

Sgt. Gaither: Tub wall.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yeah.

Sgt. Gaither: That's what we called it there.

Dr. Casolaro: It looked like a palm print? Presumably his?

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah. Well, I don't think it was one that could be printed, it was more of a smudge. From the pictures I've seen it was more of a smudge, I don't think it was something that would identify him. As far as the razor blades we have combed every store I think in the county.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: And some out of state even.

Dr. Casolaro: Can you find those same blades?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: We've come close, we've come close, we've found the same box, but different colors and that's one thing else we're trying to place. I don't exactly where they make them.

Sgt. Gaither: We're speculating, which is a lot of what we've been doing this case (inaudible) one of the last

Dr. Casolaro: Which we'll find out from his credit cards? Are you all requested to pull those credit card receipts?

Sgt. Gaither: They won't give them to us, they won't give them to us without a court order from the state.

Dr. Casolaro: Can't you, wouldn't it be faster to get a court order and get them.

Sgt. Gaither: Probably not. Not in this state. I don't think.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. What about his personal property. Do you all have a list of what he had with him?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yes. Shannon does.

Sgt. Gaither: One of the investigators out there that you can take to the house has...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: And his car.

Dr. Casolaro: Is his car still up there?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yes. It's at our garage.

Dr. Casolaro: Was his car, was there anything in it?

Sgt. Gaither: We've took everything out of there, at this time nothing.

Dr. Casolaro: No, what was in it when they found?

Sgt. Gaither: Oh.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Shannon has that list too.

Sgt. Gaither: I just thought of something I was going to ask you since you brought that up. This Wendy does she smoke?

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah. So does Danny.

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah I know Danny did. We found his brand of cigarettes and then we found another brand with lipstick on it.

Dr. Casolaro: Probably I mean, probably Wendy's I don't what she smokes, I mean.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: We were talking about that to your sister the other day that Danny would often just smoke

Dr. Casolaro: Right.

Sgt. Gaither: And these had lipstick on them.

Dr. Casolaro: What about papers in the car?

Sgt. Gaither: The only papers that amounted to anything, as far as his manuscript papers nothing was found there.

Dr. Casolaro: Not at the crime scene, not at the room either.

Sgt. Gaither: We took, out of the trunk.

Dr. Casolaro: Not like a bunch i mean like look cause I told you I've been doing this for five (5) days and I can't live without these papers. Just because people ask me ...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I haven't seen those. No.

Dr. Casolaro: That I think is one of the most bothersome things.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Well then we have this Mr. Turner.

Sgt. Gaither: He's saying he gave Danny papers.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Danny gave him papers.

Sgt. Gaither: Danny gave him papers.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: He's retracted his statement already once.

Sgt. Gaither: That's what he told us.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: That Danny gave him papers but he wouldn't say it was on Friday or when sometime he met, but he said he had a stack of them that Danny had given them. And he said they're in a safe place. And that's all we've got.

Dr. Casolaro: That's not what he told me. He said ...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: And he didn't tell us that. We had to get that from someone else.

Sgt. Gaither: What you're getting ready to say is what this morning's paper says too.

Dr. Casolaro: Well, all I can tell you is what he told me is that, and I talked to him for the very first time when he called. He said I gave Danny about an inch and a half worth of papers, two inches worth of papers. Cause he had said, Danny said to me get all your shit together and give it to me

if you want me to look at it. So he talked to him in the parking lot. He said Danny had a legal steno pad that we was taking a couple notes then he stopped. Then he gave, then he said I gave him my papers. And I said did he have any other papers with him? He said Yeah he had a stack of them under his arm. And he leaned against the car and, you know, presumably he took them from him.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I don't know if this has been asked before and if not I'm just referring, do you know what Mr. Turner does exactly?

Dr. Casolaro: He told me he used to be with Hughes and he was fired for being a whistle blower. That's why he sounded a little fringish when I talked to him. And, my only value in talking to him had nothing to do with, cause it was clear after talking to him, that he really didn't seem to have much value in the story.

Sgt. Gaither: It's our opinion he may be using this story to, for monetary gain.

Det. Sgt. Gaither: To get anything he can do with it.

Dr. Casolaro: The only value might be that he said he met with Danny and he gave him some stuff.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: He's gonna capitalize off that.

Dr. Casolaro: Whether he did or didn't I'm not sure we're gonna know.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I agree.

Weinfield: You said earlier he's talking to everybody but you guys.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: He won't talk to us. He's told us that. He told me that he was, he placed several calls to him and never got a return call. I took a try at it and I got him on the phone and he said that he was waiting for his attorney, he wanted to talk to his attorney and he ...

Dr. Casolaro: I don't think Elliott Richardson is his attorney.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I don't think so either but that's who he mentioned - he was waiting for Elliott Richardson to return his call, call him back, and that that was his attorney.

Dr. Casolaro: He's not his attorney. I mean.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: After that he went through his house

the whole _____.

Dr. Casolaro: He's using a name. I don't think, I mean, I don't know.

Sgt. Gaither: We tossed that around too. That since he hasn't called him back and it's been this long if he was his attorney he'd have called a long time ago.

Weinfield: He's buying some time. Is there any way that you can require him to talk to you guys down the line?

Sgt. Gaither: Subpoena him before a grand jury.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Subpoena him before a grand jury.

Sgt. Gaither: Which is what will happen if he keeps this up.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: If he insists that he is not going to talk to us. He will talk to us but there's no guarantee of what he will tell us.

Weinfield: But you up there that's the way ...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Oh yeah, he will have to say something to you.

Sgt. Gaither: We immediately felt that when he told us he had all these papers that Danny'd get them. And he didn't tell us anything.

Weinfield: If he's not forthcoming there will be these proceedings, grand jury, where will be subpoenaed?

Sgt. Gaither: I would say.

Dr. Casolaro: Who decides to do that?

Sgt. Gaither: The prosecuting attorney's office. I would certainly thing so.

Weinfield: Again this is because I'm not an attorney, I want you to understand that, will a grand jury be convened eventually or has one, on this matter, is that standard procedure?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: That will still be up to the prosecuting attorney.

Sgt. Gaither: No. It's not standard procedure.

Weinfield: It's not standard procedure?

Sgt. Gaither: No it's not.

Weinfield: It would only be if they thought there was a
...

Sgt. Gaither: When the police report was finished if they police investigation was finished they could or would recommend that there be a grand jury investigation.

Weinfield: And that would mean, involve a grand jury's impaneled and the evidence would be presented to them. So that's the only way, if this guy doesn't talk to you that's the only way to get him to talk.

Dr. Casolaro: And then if he lies to you, I mean, he can lie to the media and nobody can send him to jail. But if he lies to a grand jury, he can get sent to jail.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Then he's committed an offense, right.

Sgt. Gaither: Oh I think he will talk to us after he's been on TV ...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: After he plays it up. After he plays it out for all he can get from it.

Sgt. Gaither: Who knows, maybe he's got aspirations about writing a book about this or something. We just didn't get to talk enough to him to see what kind of fellow we thought that he was.

Dr. Casolaro: Sure. What about, do you know if there were any keys lost in the hotel?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: All the keys were accounted for.

Dr. Casolaro: Danny only had one key?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yep.

Dr. Casolaro: He never went back for another one?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Nope.

Dr. Casolaro: Do you know if they took a sample of the bath water?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: We need Shannon again.

Sgt. Gaither: The officer out there. Those questions, we can't answer them, the officer out there ...

Dr. Casolaro: If he's out there should he come in?

Sgt. Gaither: Well, we didn't want to have too many people in here with you.

Dr. Casolaro: Oh I don't mind. It doesn't bother me, I'm, you know. Well, I'll ask him that question.

Sgt. Gaither: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: Do you know if they put a screen on the drain to catch stuff when they emptied it?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: What we saw, there was no plunger like to stop, you know, to fill the tank. and there were plastic bags stuffed in the drain for a plunger. To be used as a plunger. And no sir I don't know if some screen was put on it to catch anything when the water was drained.

Dr. Casolaro: Do you know if there was any bath water in the lungs?

Sgt. Gaither: I have no idea.

Det. Sgt. Gaither: I don't know, I didn't go to the autopsy.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay.

Sgt. Gaither: I think the captain is supposed to put in a call to the path office today, and they could quite possibly answer some of these questions later on today, since nothing's been forthcoming from him yet. But it does take awhile, as a matter of fact, he made arrangements to take the photographs to, what he told me they were, blood splatter specialist. That he was going up to New England this weekend to let him look at these marks on the wall. To see what his opinion was or if he could offer an opinion.

Dr. Casolaro: Was his parked, Danny's car, parked right outside the door or off to the side or ...

Sgt. Gaither: No. I don't know if you told me or not. If you're not familiar with that Sheraton, there is no parking right outside the door. It was parked in front of the sports club down there.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: You have a place to pull up and unload and then a parking lot to the side and then one down away from the main entrance.

Dr. Casolaro: And he was down away?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yeah. I believe he was down.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. Let me ask you a question about, is it

true that technically state law does require notification of family before embalming? That's what someone said at the news conference. But I didn't hear the whole news conference.

Sgt. Gaither: I don't know if it is or not.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I wasn't even ...

Dr. Casolaro: It was quoted in the newspaper that that was true. Um, do you know if the body went directly from the hotel to the funeral home?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I believe it did, yeah.

Sgt. Gaither: That's standard procedure, that's where they keep bodies for transport.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: We don't have a morgue.

Dr. Casolaro: I understand, but two of the hospitals do.

Sgt. Gaither: The body was never transported to the hospital. To the best of my knowledge.

Dr. Casolaro: No, you don't ever do that?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: No.

Dr. Casolaro: It was my understanding, I got a call from a lawyer up there who said, that there's a county and a city hospital that both have facilities at least to hold a body.

Sgt. Gaither: There's only one hospital there.

Dr. Casolaro: He said, I don't know, Jefferson ...

Sgt. Gaither: Jefferson county is the next county.

Dr. Casolaro: The, uh, and we still don't know who authorized the funeral home to do embalming. They just sort of did it on their own is your sense of things?

Sgt. Gaither: That's what I understand.

Dr. Casolaro: I mean, you've talked to the funeral home and they just did it.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I haven't talked to them.

Sgt. Gaither: They called it what you read in the paper, a courtesy thing, that they said they do for everyone. I'm not familiar with their procedures up there.

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah, there's one, I mean we've done it for one of three reasons. Either, you know, they did it because somebody told to do it.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Have you spoken to Sandy Brining who is the coroner?

Dr. Casolaro: No. Or they did it because it's an out of town body and there not gonna get anything from the funeral so they figure if they embalm it they'll collect something.

Sgt. Gaither: That was my first impression when I thought this was ...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Was it? Honestly?

Dr. Casolaro: I mean it's only one of those two reasons. That may be true. Um, do you know, can you give me sort of an outline of what Danny did, what you all learned about what he did Thursday and Friday?

Sgt. Gaither: We are compiling a , as close as we can, hour by hour, we haven't got it done yet because there are big gaps in it. We're hoping these credit card slips are gonna help us with it. Cause that's a big help when your trying to trace somebody. We've got him placed out there at the Stone Crab.

Dr. Casolaro: What, Friday?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Both. Thursday and Friday.

Dr. Casolaro: What time Thursday?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: What was the times from?

Sgt. Gaither: Twelve-thirty in the afternoon, that's the day he ate.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yeah, I think it's about twelve-thirty to what, three-thirty.

Sgt. Gaither: See, we've run into a little problem out there also. I'm gonna be honest with you about that place.

Dr. Casolaro: Uh-huh.

Sgt. Gaither: It's a fashionable place to go and stuff. It's also, how would you describe it? Not a haven for drug dealers, but ...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: There's a lot of coke heads and stuff in there.

Sgt. Gaither: If you want to go get some dope, that's a good place to go.

Dr. Casolaro: -----

Det. Sgt. Casolaro: No, no. That's at the Stone Crab.

Sgt. Gaither: Now that is not insinuating Danny was there at all cause he's from out of town. But them people's reluctant to talk to the police for that reason.

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah, well they're reluctant to talk to reporters too.

Sgt. Gaither: Sure. That's why. That's the reason.

Dr. Casolaro: They said that the police told them not to talk to anybody. That's just what they said.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: We told them that we could not tell them not to talk to anybody.

Sgt. Gaither: And we've been out several times talking to the managers and bartenders.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. So twelve-thirty on Thursday.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: It might even be later than that, I have to check.

Dr. Casolaro: I don't think he left our place until, I don't think he left home until about noon or something.

Sgt. Gaither: We have one credit card slip from that day, on Thursday, I think, and one or two on Friday.

Dr. Casolaro: From, that they gave you?

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah. We seized them.

Dr. Casolaro: So the Stone Crab Thursday ...

Sgt. Gaither: When we get this chronological thing done, we'll supply you with it.

Dr. Casolaro: Sure.

Sgt. Gaither: Any information we have we will be happy ...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: And I'll have the times checked. I'll call back and get the times checked.

Dr. Casolaro: Do you know who he was with Thursday night?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Thursday night ...

Sgt. Gaither: That's when he drank with his roommate.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: When he was back at the Sheraton.

Sgt. Gaither: _____ roommate.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yeah.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: We spoke to him and basically, most of the time, a Mr. Looney.

Dr. Casolaro: Did he tell Danny why he was there?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: He, basically he sat down and told him about this great look he was compiling and ...

Dr. Casolaro: Did he ask him why he happened to be in Martinsburg?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Well he said he was there to meet some people. He wanted to meet some people and get some verification of dates. But this is a total stranger he's telling this to. Somebody who's never met him at all. And we took lengthy statements from Mr. Looney and everyone who has come in contact with him.

Weinfield: He was forthcoming?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Oh yeah. Mr. Looney was just nice as could be. We had the bartender I.D. him to make sure that was him.

Dr. Casolaro: Somebody said that the guy he was with, subsequently had some injury on his arm ...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: He had a volleyball injury and went to Winchester Medical Hospital to get it checked and it was a ...

Dr. Casolaro: And we know what day that was?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: It was, yeah, we even checked it out. He did get to the Winchester Hospital and they would not tell me exactly what the injury was.

Dr. Casolaro: And that was Saturday? Sunday?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I think it was Saturday that he went and it was a little bit more than a sprain. But they wouldn't go into any other details.

Dr. Casolaro: But it wasn't an abrasion?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: No, they wouldn't go into any other details.

Dr. Casolaro: They wouldn't tell you is all you're saying.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Uh-huh.

Weinfield: Where was he playing volleyball?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: At the Sheraton they have volleyball nets and courts set up. And the sand is real hard. It would be very easy for somebody to sprain their arm on.

Dr. Casolaro: Saturday he injured himself?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I believe. Without having it right in front of me, I believe that's when he went to the hospital. I'll have to get back to you or have the thing in front of me.

Dr. Casolaro: Do we know who he is?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yes.

Dr. Casolaro: Have you done a background?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: He works at 3M. And ...

Dr. Casolaro: I know that's what he says but I mean from what I'm telling you, some of those guys ...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Sure, I understand what you're saying. I think ...

Dr. Casolaro: You know I'm not trying to see conspiracy under every rock. I really don't. I'm trying to honestly understand.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I think he's just somebody your brother just met in the bar. That's all that he has in it.

Sgt. Gaither: From everything we've gathered from talking to people, your brother was kinda outgoing ...

Dr. Casolaro: Yep.

Sgt. Gaither: Probably every bar he went in he talked to somebody. He never sat by himself.

Weinfield: Now the Stone Crab, again, I want to get back to that for a minute. This is, again, obviously a known

criminal element hangs out there.

Sgt. Gaither: Not necessarily a know criminal element.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: It's not somebody who's been arrested. But there's people that I've seen eating there and stuff that I've seen in other places too.

Weinfield: Okay. I've got the idea.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: But it's not ... it doesn't mean that there's gangsters and all hanging out there by no means. But there are people that might be a little bit more paranoid of the police talking to them.

Weinfield: And these people have not been, again, they have not been forthcoming and, again, the only way you're going to be able to get them ...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: They have talked to us a great deal. But if there were other patrons there at the bar, no, nobody has come forth and said "hey, look, I was in there too." You know and things like that.

Sgt. Gaither: One of the avenues we took was trying to find everybody that was in the bar at the same time as him. Did you see something? Did you see him talk to somebody? Did you talk to him? And in that particular bar, some people just don't want to admit they were in there. Especially that time in the afternoon.

Dr. Casolaro: So, say from twelve-thirty to three-thirty you knew where he was and then you knew he was at the hotel bar that night with the guy down the hall.

Sgt. Gaither: They stayed til closing time.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Until closing.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. And then Friday. Have any ideas?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: He was back at the Stone Crab. Somebody did see him who talked to him Thursday at approximately around 5:10 P.M. is when he left. And then until we ran into Mr. Turner ...

Dr. Casolaro: You think it was right before that? He may have been with Turner before that? Possibly?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: We don't know. Could be. Please don't quote me totally on the times cause I don't have that in front of me to give you.

Dr. Casolaro: That's alright. Turner possibly, then Stone

Grab then we don't, no one knows?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Up to that point ...

Dr. Casolaro: From six o'clock at night until the next morning.

Sgt. Gaither: Then he was seen out there getting the coffee.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yeah. I take that back. Yep, he was seen at Sheetz store getting a coffee.

Dr. Casolaro: When?

Sgt. Gaither: That was ... after the bar closed, I think wasn't it?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yeah. It was like Friday night around midnight or close to it.

Dr. Casolaro: Was he back in the hotel bar on Friday? Or we don't know where he was Friday night?

Sgt. Gaither: Friday night, no we don't have him down Friday night except to get him his coffee and it was ...

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Det. Sgt. Swartwood: And, I'm trying to recall, and I don't have the statements in front of me, about the times that they were there but we've pretty well talked to everybody that was in areas around. Now, some of them, not physically talked to him, she was in Philadelphia and we've talked to ...

Dr. Casolaro: No, that's alright. But I mean it matters if they left, if they got up and said we're getting out of here ...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I remember they said, she said they came back sometime on Saturday. Because they were putting two little kids down for a nap. But I don't recall the exact time.

Dr. Casolaro: You don't know when they left?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: No sir I don't.

Dr. Casolaro: Saturday morning.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I remember they told me but I've taken so many statements.

Dr. Casolaro: You know we're just hypothesizing, and if

somebody murdered him clearly he's gonna wait til there's nobody in adjacent rooms. Presumably. I mean, again, hypothesizing.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: And we'll double check that when we hear from Mr. Looney. And ...

Dr. Casolaro: And the people on the other side.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Sure. And, you know, everybody. We have gone back and taken second statements from people we've taken first statements from. To see if they recall more the second time. But the times, without having the report right in front of me, I can't quote you.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. Alright. Well if you can get that guy who's here you said who has the list of what was with him.

Sgt. Gaither: The person?

Dr. Casolaro: Um, you said somebody was here, Shannon.

Sgt. Gaither: Oh, that has the personal effects? Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah. Can we look at that? By the way, my sister tells me she never said the letter belonged to my brother's handwriting.

Sgt. Gaither: It's our inventions when we go to the house if we can get something with his handwriting on it.

Dr. Casolaro: But let me just, I was a little disturbed when I heard the medical examiner say, we understand, he said the sister has identified the handwriting. He said ...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: That was Dr. Frost speaking. We never said anything.

Dr. Casolaro: That's absolutely untrue. And I have no idea why. My sister looked at it and she said you can have it back now. She didn't not say it cause she didn't want to say it. She just didn't say anything cause she didn't, you know, she was sort of in shock and she looked at it. But I was, that did bother me that somebody, cause that, you know. Cause if it is or isn't his handwriting, you know, that I can accept. But that somebody would say the sister identified it. Now it's in all the papers, the sister identifying it as his handwriting.

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah, we've seen that.

Dr. Casolaro: And there's just no question. That is not the case.

Sgt. Gaither: Well, we can't say that because we haven't had any exemplaries to compare it to yet.

Dr. Casolaro: No, no, it may be. I'm not saying it is or isn't. Um.

Sgt. Gaither: As a matter of fact, that's one of the things we approached the FBI about, using their lab for that and they agreed to it.

Dr. Casolaro: They did?

Sgt. Gaither: Yes sir.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. No we have, I have a lot of samples of his handwriting subsequently.

Sgt. Gaither: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: Um, okay. The, ah, I, while we're getting that one person, I just wanna make one phone call to somebody who actually called before you all left.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: We have to change the tape.

Sgt. Gaither: I just turned it over.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Oh, okay.

Weinfield: So you guys are here open-ended huh?

Sgt. Gaither: It's something that has to be done. We, we're not going to close this case just on what we seen at the scene. I mean ...

Dr. Casolaro: (in background on phone) Hi. This is Tony Casolaro calling. Okay. I'm returning Doug's call.

Sgt. Gaither: This whole tale is just intriguing but we just have to be opened minded about it until we can see ...

Dr. Casolaro: (in background on phone) Do you know what he wanted to tell me or ask me? He wanted me to talk to him. Alright. Do you know where he's gonna be? Uh-huh. And that, as of when? Okay. Is that 703? Thanks. Okay, bye-bye. (speaking to officers) Um, does the lack of alcohol, we don't know what to make of that.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I'm not sure where he went Tommy. Did he say he'd be in a certain room or something? I can't find him.

Sgt. Gaither: I'm not familiar with this area at all. Just

nosing around on my own, I was told by somebody that maybe would know, that and you may be in a better position to answer it yourself, that if he bled as much as he did that the alcohol might not have shown in the sample they took from him. I don't know. That's something we'll have to let Dr. Fix (Frost) decide. I have a problem I've had since I was assigned to this case, which was after the crime scene was done. If he was going to do this, why did he wait til morning? After, especially if he'd been drinking. Why did he wait til the next morning to do it? Unless it was planned for some time.

Dr. Casolaro: And that's just odd. A guy that lives by himself, in a house, doesn't need to go to Martinsburg, West Virginia to do anything. I mean, you know.

Sgt. Gaither: Why Martinsburg, has been another one of my questions since I was assigned. Did he have, you know, I looked for a girlfriend. Completely honest? A boyfriend. Anything.

Dr. Casolaro: Sure, sure. You'll find girlfriends. You'll find a trail of, of women, but they're, most of them are friends, some of them, you know ...

Sgt. Gaither: That's why I'm saying why Martinsburg. When he, it could have been Winchester. He did tell, he was telling this tale apparently to a lot of people. One of the bartenders, I think it was at the Stone Crab. The manager, which incidentally knew from the manager who used to be employed at the Sheraton. He recognized him from a previous trip to Martinsburg. He did tell him that the people he was meeting did not want to meet on, I think he described it, his home turf. They wanted an out of the way place. But if he'd been to Martinsburg before, I'm saying why Martinsburg. Why not Winchester, which is right along the interstate also. And closer.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: They must of went some place. Cause I can't find, I told them if they saw them out there to get ahold of them and send them up here. On the times and things like that, tonight I will call, I'll call back and I'll get a specific time schedule as we know it. So I can quote you the times.

Sgt. Gaither: We won't know where we stand ...

Dr. Casolaro: Actually, what I'm most interested in is the, not only the times but the list of personal effects.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Sure. We'll get that too.

Dr. Casolaro: Cause I'll have a good sense of, you know. For example, did he have a little travel case with him?

Sgt. Gaither: Like a black leather? Yeah.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Duffle bag? Yeah.

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Kinda like a duffle bag looking thing.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. Cause his girlfriend gave it to him and he used to ...

Sgt. Gaither: But as far as any type of notes or manuscript, I don't, I never ...

Dr. Casolaro: Not even like a pile like this?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I'm sure.

Sgt. Gaither: No. Not a thing.

Dr. Casolaro: That's just, that's the weirdest thing. That's probably the most disturbing thing. That's why I thought maybe after I talked to you all ...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Would he keep them in an attache' case or something, or carry them loose in folders, or?

Dr. Casolaro: He carried them in folders.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: In folders.

Dr. Casolaro: He had an attache' case but he, he never used it. But the back of his car usually had a bunch of his papers in it.

Sgt. Gaither: Well, I didn't see what was seized in the car but I went back over the car when I was assigned to the case ...

Dr. Casolaro: No, I'm not talking about like this much, I'm talking about like ten piles like this.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: No sir.

Dr. Casolaro: Clippings.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: No sir.

Sgt. Gaither: And his car, but his car keys was in his pants pocket.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I believe so, yeah.

Sgt. Gaither: So, you know, if someone had opened his trunk or something I guess they would have had to return his keys to his pants. If that's they theory you're working on.

Dr. Casolaro: Well, I don't know what theory I'm working on.

Sgt. Gaither: Well.

Weinfield: The car was locked? The doors, were the doors locked?

Sgt. Gaither: I don't know.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: See, certain officers branched out in certain places. Shannon and Tim went to the car. And a ***

Dr. Casolaro: He never locked, I mean, he might have locked it if the papers were in there.

Weinfield: Normally, he didn't tend to lock doors.

Dr. Casolaro: Normally, he didn't lock doors.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: He didn't lock doors?

Dr. Casolaro: He didn't lock his home, the front door to his house. Ever. I mean, he just never did.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: I must confess, growing up, we never did either.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Okay. It's just, you know, it seems like an unordinary amount of no caution for a situation that he felt that, maybe, or maybe it's just characteristic of him.

Dr. Casolaro: I think it's just characteristic. I mean, my family growing up never locked, never locked our front door. We just never, I mean, it was just something we didn't do. Now, I do now. I make my wife do it but, you know. I think Danny's view was if somebody wanted something they were gonna get it. That they weren't gonna just come and be stopped by a locked door. For what he had.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Sure.

Dr. Casolaro: But as, that is why he had my younger brother move out. Cause he was worried about him after these threats came in the last six weeks, two months.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Has his son gone back?

Dr. Casolaro: No. He's probably gonna stay around and fix up the house and, you know, probably just hang around here for a month or two until ...

Sgt. Gaither: Well we've speculate and speculated and speculated, give us your idea. If you had to speculate.

Dr. Casolaro: Well, I mean, I'll give ya, I have two (2) scenarios. One of which is that, that, the first is that, and I don't know which order. The first is that, and I don't, I mean, I'll just give you two scenarios. One of which is that, ah, he's, you know, he's working on this case. He's gotten close, he's involved with some pretty shady guys, there's no question. I mean, that's not a problem. And, uh, one of them gets him, on previous trips, either meets with him or promises to meet with him. Gets his trust, gets him to come back up, it's somebody he trusts, somebody that he knows. And, ah, somehow they orchestrate his murder. And there's no question that if he had been in an accident or had been murdered this, already the furor would have been tripled. Because he had told so many people. Suicide is really the ideal way. In this situation. Because it always, because if they can prove that Danny's death was suicide, it takes a lot of the focus off the whole rest of the story. It's like, well maybe nothing else was true either. So in fact, I mean, if you're hypothesizing, it's really the ideal way because suicide tends to discount the work that somebody was doing anyway. And, ah, you know. And what's more, is that even if there is a question about suicide, it always becomes a footnote - the questionable suicide. And, ah, you know, if you make it look good enough, then, ah, you know. Then the motive death is just so untypical, atypical for Danny. That's, you know, I mean, if he had left a four page note and took a bunch of pills and drank himself and never woke up. That I'd say, okay, fair enough. But the note, you don't understand. If you look at his writing, "to my loved ones," I, that reads like a greeting card. That's not the way he spoke or the way he wrote. I haven't seen the note but that's what I understand it starts out as "to my loved ones."

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: I'm not, when I told you about the note, I said I didn't have the note in front of me and I was ...

Dr. Casolaro: No, but subsequently.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Oh, so you have seen the thing?

Dr. Casolaro: No, I haven't, but somebody said to me ...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Somebody who has ... okay, okay.

Dr. Casolaro: Here's what the, he thought the note said.

Weinfield: Why isn't there a verbatim, we didn't, not know what the note said.

Dr. Casolaro: No, and then I heard another press report there were two notes.

Weinfield: Can that matter be cleaned up? Is there a possibility of getting a copy of the note?

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah, just even a Xerox.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: No, cause there wasn't two notes.

Sgt. Gaither: I don't see why we can't give you that.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yeah, we can get you that.

Sgt. Gaither: It's logged as evidence, we don't have it here but I don't see a problem with it.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: We can get you that.

Sgt. Gaither: Okay, what's your second scenario?

Dr. Casolaro: The second scenario is that somebody who's been working on a story for a long time, who's frustrated and the story has value but he can't prove it and he gets frustrated. To kill himself. I mean, it's got to be one of those two scenarios.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yeah.

Sgt. Gaither: We both, well, we agree with you about both of them. We're completely in agreement about both of them.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Yeah, on both of them.

Dr. Casolaro: And I don't know, I honestly have an open mind as to which of the two it is. I mean, if you noticed, whenever people interview me, I've been careful not to do two things. A. Say I know what happened and I'll never believe suicide. I mean, I'll always, I'm willing to accept it. Uh, but on the other hand, I'm so disturbed, and the more I talk to people, you know, Well, CIA agents and these ex-agents and these deep cover guys. You know this is a shadowy world that he was delving into and you know things are made to look like anything.

Sgt. Gaither: Well and that's, we've discussed that many times and we certainly can't at this point rule out that possibility although we don't know one way or the other. And

we've also talked "if" that did happen do you think we'll ever know?

Dr. Casolaro: No. Honestly?

Sgt. Gaither: Why are they, that's why they're professionals.

Dr. Casolaro: Right. And honestly I think that's why, you know. And the investigation's only in the hopes that you'd stumble onto something that may lead, you know, to something else at a, probably, at a later time. And perhaps through the story and that's why I say there's two different issues. One of which is Danny's death which you all are working on and we appreciate it. The second of which is his stories which are being worked on by a lot of people. And whether the two are directly related or not I'm not sure we're ever gonna know. But I still think that we need to do, I mean, I still think the investigation has merits because if it does, if you do find a lot of inconsistencies and holes then that gives a lot more merit for those other people to pursue his stories. Which, well it can't help Danny but probably will help the rest of us.

Sgt. Gaither: I don't know if you can answer this or not but I don't know, we discussed this last night, but did Danny have life insurance? He did have life insurance?

Dr. Casolaro: He did have life insurance. And, ah, curious he always, and he's a little old lady about his bills. I went to his house, paid his gas bill on Wednesday. Paid his VISA, made a payment to VISA. You know, did his usual things on Wednesday. So, as far as when he left, you know, and the people he talked to Thursday, one of whom is his person who wrote this letter. He, you know, he said, look, if this was suicide, it wasn't planned as of Thursday we'll tell you that.

Sgt. Gaither: Well, it was planned real well. I mean, he, from one thing we've learned, your brother wasn't no dummy. By any stretch of the imagination. If the theory ever goes to the point where this was what you just said, despondent, I'm gonna go out with a bang, this book's gonna get finished one way or the other. And, he would have done, not knowing him personally I can't say, I think he would have done those sort of things if he'd have planned this. Cause he knows there was gonna be some kind of investigation.

Dr. Casolaro: Well, I don't, you know what? I honestly don't know, think he would have thought that.

Weinfield: No. I don't either.

Sgt. Gaither: You don't think he would have thought it.

Well, like I said, you would probably be better qualified.

Dr. Casolaro: Art's not only a friend but Art was retired NSA and for many years. And I think that's one of the reasons. Danny talked to Art both more as a friend than as a reference. But I think you would know him well also in that regard.

Weinfield: I don't see that. Danny assuming that there would be a, what's happened, I think Danny might have been amazed at what's happened.

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah, I think that's true.

Weinfield: And amused by it to a degree.

Dr. Casolaro: Right.

Weinfield: That kind of ...

Dr. Casolaro: I don't think he had, he didn't have a mind of, you know, to, he wasn't like a planner like that. I terms of planning, he just doesn't have that kind of a side to him that would, he was, ah. It's true he was spontaneous but spontaneous suicide is something else. You know, one thing else you'll read is my sister killed herself twenty years ago. he was so sensitive to its effect on my family that, that. Two of my friends said you know as much as he loved your family, it's a very, we're a close family. He said I, the hardest thing for me to believe is that Danny would ever have done that to your mother. Not to his son, not to, but and she said, you know, he knew the effect that my sister's death had on him and on my mother. And he said I just could never believe that he would do that. Because he was, you know, a compassionate guy. And, you know, there's two sides. And one is that you can, an armchair psychologist knows that suicides may run in families, quote. At least even generations, not the same families but cross generations.

Sgt. Gaither: Uh-huh. We've heard that.

Dr. Casolaro: But it's true the effect it has on everybody else.

(Knock on door. Det. Sgt. Swartwood advises subject to bring Shannon and John in)

Dr. Casolaro: So anyway, ah, you know, I think if it's one of those two theories it would not be that he really made it. If he committed suicide, he did it. But I don't think, I mean, he did it but not with an intention to make it look like it might be an accident. If so he didn't do a very good job of it. Because he mad it look so clean, that, ah, you

know. It's not like there seemed to be any, it's like he sat down and said "poom."

Sgt. Gaither: Well if the razor blades had come from the Sheetz store where he got the coffee, that would sway me more in that direction. But they didn't come from there. If they had come from any place local where he'd had stopped. Or en route from one bar to the other bar. We are, you can't be one hundred percent positive about anything, we are ninety-nine percent positive those razor blades didn't come from around that area anywhere. And there's no way to trace them that we've found out.

Weinfield: Maybe there was a package ...

Sgt. Gaither: It was a single edged razor blade like you would use in, what you would scrape paint with or something like that. You would put it in one of those things. Not something you'd use for shaving. Of all the store we've looked at you'd have to buy them in a hardware department.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Right.

Weinfield: You would need a handle to, ah ...

Sgt. Gaither: Yes sir. It's not the type of thing you would shave with or use as a beauty aid.

Weinfield: And the box was found also?

Sgt. Gaither: The box was found but there's no brand name on the box. It just says "made in the USA." Apparently they came in some kind of carton or, you know, with plastic over it, something like that.

Dr. Casolaro: And you don't know where that plastic is?

Sgt. Gaither: No sir.

Dr. Casolaro: That's kinda weird. It would seem to me you'd open up the plastic in your room and throw it away in the trash.

Sgt. Gaither: If you were thinking about it at the last minute, yes sir, I agree with that too.

Dr. Casolaro: Um, I had a question about the list of personal effects.

Ptlm. Armel: Yes sir.

Dr. Casolaro: In his room, were there, what papers were found?

Ptlm. Armel: Ah, a black and white composition notebook and a green note pad.

Dr. Casolaro: What was in the composition notebook?

Ptlm. Armel: Nothing.

Dr. Casolaro: No writing?

Ptlm. Armel: No writing at all.

Det. McMillen: No writing, no papers.

Ptlm. Armel: No indentations that there had been writing.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. And what about like a stack of papers with?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: He says several times bigger than this.

Dr. Casolaro: You know, perhaps a couple times bigger. Nothing like that?

Ptlm. Armel: No sir.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: How about in the car?

Ptlm. Armel: Nothing.

Dr. Casolaro: Nothing?

Ptlm. Armel: I mean just envelopes. Most of the papers I found in the car had been in there for awhile. Like a white envelope from the sun bleaching it, turning it yellow and stuff.

Dr. Casolaro: But not like papers that he had in his back seat?

Ptlm. Armel: No sir. Ah, there was a book, on Arabian Horses. Arabian Horse World?

Det. McMillen: Yeah.

Ptlm. Armel: Mojohand. It was just a book. I haven't had a chance to ...

Sgt. Gaither: An encyclopedia Britannica that had never been opened.

Ptlm. Armel: Yeah, it was a brand new annual. 1991 annual

from Encyclopedia Britannica, but it had never opened.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay.

Weinfield: What was this? Was this like a atlas?

Ptlm. Armel: Yeah. It's like the annual edition you get every year with ...

Weinfield: It had a lot of information in it.

Ptlm. Armel: It said annual on the outside. I have Encyclopedia Britannica at home so I figured ...

Weinfield: It's not a volume of the encyclopedia?

Sgt. Gaither: No.

Ptlm. Armel: No, no, no.

Weinfield: The maps in it are just an update.

Sgt. Gaither: It was in a sealed carton. It had never been opened. It was just mailed to him, it had his mailing address on the front of it.

Ptlm. Armel: As a matter of fact, he hadn't even pulled the bill off the outside of the carton.

Weinfield: He, ah, frequently wanted to check, ah, place names and general types of information. He, ah, had such interest so he acquired a new updated edition of the ah ...

Ptlm. Armel: Well, does have the Encyclopedia Britannica set? Cause I automatically get mine every year.

Weinfield: I don't remember.

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah, I think he gets it every year. But you know what? I don't think he has it. No, I don't think he does have the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Sgt. Gaither: This was mailed, it was mailed to him.

Ptlm. Armel: It had his name and address.

Dr. Casolaro: Well, I wouldn't. So in terms of these forty-three items, these are mostly personal items, wallet, shirt, shoes, stuff like that?

Ptlm. Armel: Yes sir.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. Had he slept in the bed? Do we know?

Ptlm. Armel: It, the bed was turned back, just the one, the right corner. But it didn't appear that he had slept in the bed.

Sgt. Gaither: I think one of the maids ...

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: One of the maids said that he just usually slept under the covers. The top cover. When they cleaned the room, the bed was always very neat.

Sgt. Gaither: Just the sheet. And it was her opinion, if you can call her an expert, that only one person had slept in the bed.

Dr. Casolaro: Right. Okay.

Weinfield: But what you're saying apparently he did sleep in the bed even though it was just turned back?

Sgt. Gaither: Well ...

Weinfield: If he slept just under the covers.

Sgt. Gaither: If he slept, it looked like he had been in the bed, yes.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay.

Sgt. Gaither: I think the pillows was up like he had been reading. Did she not tell us that?

Ptlm. Armel: Yeah, they were propped up. Two of them.

Sgt. Gaither: The pillows were propped up like he had been reading or sitting up in the bed.

Dr. Casolaro: But we don't know reading what.

Sgt. Gaither: Reading or drinking. She was just, propped up in the bed. Or the pillows appeared that way.

Dr. Casolaro: Do you know if the alcohol was bought Thursday or Friday? At the store?

Sgt. Gaither: The wine?

Dr. Casolaro: Yeah.

Sgt. Gaither: We don't know where the wine came from.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: We're still trying to run that down.

Sgt. Gaither: It's not a local wine. It was bought at Giant. We went as far ...

Dr. Casolaro: Do you remember the label? Do you know what kind of wine it was?

Ptlm. Armel: Cave's Alianca, white dinner wine.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: In like a greenish colored bottle.

Sgt. Gaither: It's sold through Giant food stores in Northern Virginia. It's not sold in West Virginia at all.

Weinfield: It's a Portuguese wine.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Okay. That's what somebody else had told me, they thought it was a Portuguese wine.

Ptlm. Armel: I was gonna say, I think it was made in Portugal. It says made in Portugal.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: It is Portuguese, imported from Portugal. Sure does.

Ptlm. Armel: 1989 was the year on it.

Weinfield: Now, he, he did like some Portuguese wine.

Sgt. Gaither: No the wine I referred to awhile ago he had bought in a bar and consumed there.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: He had bought a bottle.

Sgt. Gaither: Or bottles.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: And that was at the Stone Crab.

Dr. Casolaro: That was earlier in the day? Thursday.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: That was, yeah, yes I believe so. The times, like I say, I can get back to you with that. I can have a definite time on that we can place him in places.

Dr. Casolaro: Alright. Let me just, I have one call I want to make before you all ...

Weinfield: Just let him make the phone call.

Sgt. Gaither: And also doctor, and we'll get out of here for you to, we're gonna be here, I don't know where we're gonna be at but if you would like to talk to us some more in the next couple of days ...

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. I had to leave for a day. I had to go bring my family to Florida and then I flew back. And I have to go pick them up.

Weinfield: Will you give us your card so we don't have

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: You got one with you, if not, I'll
write it down, how's that?

Dr. Casolaro: Why don't you do that? I keep everything in
that book so ...

Weinfield: This, I'm not trying, I'm being a little
facetious, this dark complexion individual that was in the,
ah, motel bar?

Sgt. Gaither: It was in the Sheraton Inn bar. But he had
also told the people at the Stone Crab that he was to meet
some, I think he used the word Iranians, didn't he?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Arabs.

Sgt. Gaither: Arabs. I'm sorry, Arabs.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: That he was gonna meet some Arabs.
But nobody showed.

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah. And then an independent source which
was one of the barmaids there said he was drinking with a man
she thought to an Iranian or Arab.

Dr. Casolaro: Fine. I'm just, we're just about done here
with the police, they're all, we're all sitting here at the
table. Did you have some other?

Weinfield: And that was on what night?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: That was on Thursday night.

Weinfield: Thursday night he met them?

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Thursday night when he came in and
said that's who he was supposed to meet.

Weinfield: Oh. I seem to be _____. The um, I
asked you before about the, you know, the thing that bothered
you all such a strange time to take your life, seven in the
morning.

Sgt. Gaither: I don't know if it's strange but.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay.

Sgt. Gaither: I have some questions about it. If he had
been drinking all night, why didn't he do it at night?

Weinfield: I really don't know do people do suicide

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Dr. Casolaro: (on phone) Let me think where I'm gonna be. Sure, where you gonna be?

Sgt. Gaither: Speculation from our officers.

Dr. Casolaro: This is a hard place to find. Well, but I, so am I and I had a hard time finding this office. Ah, name a place that I could meet someone in about half, twenty minutes.

Weinfield: Ah ...

Dr. Casolaro: Somewhere right in Fairfax city.

Weinfield: In Fairfax city. Tell them that there's an Italian restaurant.

Dr. Casolaro: Cafe D'talia.

Weinfield: Is that what it's called. I think that's what it's called. Let me ask one of the guys out here.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay, hold on, we'll get a name. And you don't know where you're staying but we can call ...

Sgt. Gaither: You can call Ken Smith he'll know. He's gonna make the arrangements for us to stay somewhere.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Ken Smith,, he'll make - we're going to be staying some place. Is it still possible for them to go to the house?

Weinfield: Tell them the place is called Cafe' D'talia on one twenty-three.

Dr. Casolaro: Cafe' D'talia on one twenty-three. I'll be there in about, I think so, your friend will know it. It's right in the center of Fairfax. And we'll be there in about twenty minutes or so. Okay.

Sgt. Gaither: His son's staying at the house now. He said he has lots of examples of his handwriting, they can get that for you.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay, okay. Thanks, bye.

Sgt. Gaither: Just go down you note pad there, everything on the list.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Do you know if he had a favorite place to go here"

Dr. Casolaro: He went to "Sign of the Whale." Well there were about three places he went to.

Sgt. Gaither: Where's that at? We're gonna try just to go to since no one knows us. Sit at the bar and hear what people are saying.

Dr. Casolaro: "Sign of the Whale." Which is on Route 50 next to the health club he worked out in.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: Um, "Hunters" in Oakton, where he was at Monday or Tuesday night. The place the FBI guys were interviewing people.

Weinfield: "Clydes."

Dr. Casolaro: He went to "Clydes."

Weinfield: In a, at seven ...

Dr. Casolaro: A black flag at "Clydes."

Weinfield: There are a lot of "Clydes" in the area, so Tyson's Corner.

Dr. Casolaro: Tyson's Corner "Clydes." There's one in Georgetown too.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: And then this place in Alexandria where he met this guy we talked about.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Okay.

Dr. Casolaro: And this guy apparently lives across the street. And I have no problem with your talking to him. Gil Cueaar the guy who's the CIA guy. I mean he may not want to be talked to. I think he's nervous. He's nervous for two reasons. One of which is he's CIA and he probably shouldn't be opening his mouth and talking to Danny. That may be a real reason why he's nervous. I mean, you know, he's not supposed to be doing this.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: Sure.

Dr. Casolaro: He's supposed to be undercover. And the second is that he really did set up this meeting with this guy, "the beatnik," and he's nervous. And I don't know which of the two is true. I hate to impugn this guy.

Sgt. Gaither: You know, maybe at this point, and we'll tell

you this is you keep it in confidence, since this is gonna air on the news probably tonight or tomorrow night it will probably spark conversations in bars. We weren't really gonna ask too many questions, we were just gonna go see what people were saying.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: We just want to listen.

Dr. Casolaro: Well, the ah, he knows most of the bartenders at those places. Now the last place, I need to tell you, that's the place that, um, "Fitzgerald's" in Oldtown Alexandria. Alright, I have not told anyone other than two investigators who are print journalists not TV. Cause TV tends to, what I've learned is the print journalists are the guys that really do their leg work. TV guys just want to get out and get something real quick. About these names, dates or places. Cussar, I told one other person cause I wasn't sure who to tell. I mean, I had a call who told me, who told me, Rod, I had another call that Rod Michael Riconosciuto the guy in jail in Takoma. He says, he says his information, God knows, this guy lives in jail and he knows everything right away. I mean, he's in jail and this guy is like, is on top of everything. And he calls me and says Robert Booth Nichols is the one who had him killed. He said he liked Danny but he was too close. Danny, he knew Danny had stuff on him.

Sgt. Gaither: Who called you?

Dr. Casolaro: Michael Riconosciuto.

Sgt. Gaither: He has ...

Dr. Casolaro: This guy's in jail. I mean, my view is somebody in jail loses ones credibility.

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah. Well no, apparently not if this guy's the way you describe him.

Det. Sgt. Swartwood: When did this call take place?

Dr. Casolaro: Monday night. That was Monday night. Now, Booth Nichols may have called me Tuesday. The days.

Sgt. Gaither: Now you told me Booth called you on Monday ...

Dr. Casolaro: I know, I know. After Art said that Wendy called him. I think he still called me Monday night. I was still at my mom's house. I still think it was. He called Monday about nine o'clock at night.

Weinfield: When I saw you Tuesday evening, you had already talked with him.

Dr. Casolaro: Okay. Well, he didn't call till nine o'clock at night so it must have still been Monday.

Weinfield: Then it was Monday. And he called you right after Wendy called.

Sgt. Gaither: Did this guy, what else did he say when he called? Was that the extent of the conversation?

Dr. Casolaro: Well, he said, you know, you're brother was, I told your brother he was dealing with people that he really didn't have the background to deal with. Um, and then he said, ah, he said you might look into an old girlfriend of his. Now the only funny thing about that old girlfriend is that, remember I said it was a girl Danny knew who introduced him to this guy Cueaar, who is the CIA guy?

Sgt. Gaither: Uh-huh.

Dr. Casolaro: You know, but you know these guys, it's like talking to shadows. And, ah, you know, I honestly, I try to believe nothing til I have, til I say look. Like Riconosciuto called me up and he said, he said there were three other deaths of reporters and lawyers in the last three months. Including one he said which died being drowned. I mean, excuse me, died in the bathtub with his wrists. So I said give me the names, dates and places. So he called me the next day and he goes well I couldn't come up with that one. But he then told me about these other reporters, two other reporters that had been killed in the last two months working on the story. A guy named Anasonang who was working on the BCCI story who was killed in Guatemala. And another, and I have all their names. One of the Inslaw attorneys was found dead.

Sgt. Gaither: Yeah, we got that story.

Weinfield: In Philadelphia.

Dr. Casolaro: In Philadelphia. Then there was another guy that I just heard the name of last night, another reporter, who was killed working on the Inslaw story. You know, he was found with a bullet, he was found shot in the head and they couldn't find the bullet. He had been shot in the head and they could not locate the bullet. And they assumed he would, the story was he was standing near the window and it went through him and went out the window. I mean, you know, that stuff happens I guess.

Sgt. Gaither: Sounds like they got as big a problem as we do.

Weinfield: Who knows. Probably something inside the room
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Sgt. Gaither: I can't think of anything else right now,
George.

Dr. Casolaro: Well listen, I will be at my ...

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